A Conscript's Christmas.

BY JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS.

From The Century:

It was not long before the two soldiers were on their way up the mountain, nor was it long before Chadwick began to unfold his theory, by putting together various little facts that occured to him as he talked.

"I ted you what, Captain," he said, as soon as they were out of hearing; "that gal's a slick 'un. It's my belief that we're goin' on a fool's errand. 'Stead of gwine toward Spurlock, we're gwine right straight away from 'im. When that gal made her disappearance last night she went an' found Spurlock, an' ef he ain't a natchul born fool, he tuck to the woods. Why, the shawl that gal had on her head this mornin' was soakin' wet. It weren't rainin', an' hadn't been for a right smart while. How come the shawl wet? They weren't but one way. It got wet by rubbin' agin the bushes and the limbs er the trees."

This theory was plausible enough to impress itself on Captain Moseley. "What is to be done then?" he asked.

"Well, the Lord knows what ought to be done," said Chadwick; "but I reckon the best plan is to sorter scatter out an' skirmish aroun' a little bit. We'd better divide our army. You go up the mountain an' git Spurlock, if he's up thar, an' let me take my stand on the ridge yander an' keep my eye on Uncle Billy's back yard an' hoss lot. If Spurlock's r'ally tuck to the woods, he'll be mighty apt to be slinkin' 'roun' whar the gal is."

Captain Moseley assented to this plan, and proceeded to put it in execution as soon as he and Chadwick were a safe distance from Uncle Billy Powers' house. Chadwick dismounting, led his horse along a cow-path that ran at right angles to the main road, and was soon lost to sight, while the captain rode forward on his mission.

Of the two, as it turned out, the captain had much the more comfortable experience. He reached the Spurlock house in the course of three-quarters of an hour.

In response to his halloo Mrs Spurlock came to the door.

"I was a spinin' away for dear life," she remarked, brushing her gray hair from her face, "when all of a sudden I hearn a fuss, an' I 'lows ter myself, says I, 'I'll be boun' that's some one a-hailin',' says I; an' then I dropped ever'thin' an' run ter the door, an' shore enough it was. Won't you 'light an' come in?" she inquired with ready hospitality. Her tone was polite, almost obsequious.

"Is Mr. Israel Spurlock at home?" the captain asked.

"Not, as you might say adzackly at home, but I reckon it won't be long before he draps in. He hain't had his breakfas' yit, though hit's been a-waitin' for him tell hit's stone cold. The cows broke out last night, an' he went off a huntin' for 'em time it was light good. Israel is thes ez rank after his milk ez some folks is after ther dram. I says, says I, 'Shorely you can do 'thout your milk one mornin' in the year;' but he wouldn't nigh listen ter that. He thes up an' bolted off."

"I'll ride on," said the captain. "Maybe I'll meet him coming back."

It was an eventful ride, but Captain Moseley noted one curious fact. He had not proceeded far when he met two men riding down the mountain. Each carried a rifle flung across his saddle in front of him. They responded gravely to the captain's salutations.

"Have you seen Israel Spurlock this morning?" he asked.

"No, sir, I hain't saw him," answered one. The other shook his head. Then they rode on down the mountain.

A little farther on Captain Moseley met four men. These were walking, but each was armed—three with rifles, and one with a shot gun. They had not seen Spurlock. At intervals he met more than a dozen men—some riding and some walking, but all armed. At last he met two that presented something of a contrast to the others. They were armed, it is true; but they were laughing and singing as they went along and while they had not seen Spurlock with their own eyes, as they said, they knew he must be farther up the mountain, for they had heard of him as they came along.

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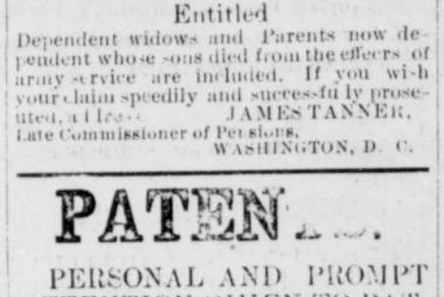

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