es of black—what is't you lack? ave you not the magician's knack, at lovers never shall be slack. Ob, eyes of black?

res of gray—what is't you say,
your still, stern and modest way?
on are too clear to e'er betray,
Oh, eyes of gray

Eyes of blue—well, how are you? Sometimes you're false, cometimes ; true. Bow off you win when you do woo, Oh, eyes of blue.

Eyes of brown—why look you down? When did I ever see you frown? Are you not still my true love's crown

Oh, eyes of brown?

—Browns Perriman in Yankee Blads.

AN IDYL UPON CRUTCHES.

It is to be seen often enough in Cem

tral park.

He, pale, emaciated, one of those men He, paic, emaciated, one of those men who carry a ticket for Charon's ferry-boat in his pocket, and is only loitering a little by the way. She, as full of life as the illacs near which they sit, grate-ful to the eye in her beauty as they to the sense in their fragrance. He the weakness, she the strength, of the part-nership. She as upright as a tall filly stem, with health to nay Time foll sent stem, with health to pay Time full rent through along life, he stooping painfully over the two sticks that prop up his nerveless body. Those are the crutches. Now for the idyl.

There was a feverishness of life in New York city. North and south had grappled by the throat. War was whipping the tops of commerce until they nummed again. The government cried "Give! give!" and merchant, manufac turer and artisan toiled and moiled. Even man as man had a value in the

market; flesh and blood was dear.

A youth and a girl met at a church door, and strolled away together. In the course of the service—for it was the Sabbath day—the minister had invoked Satorath day—the minister had invoked the divine biessing upon the Federal arms, and made a passionate appeal to the congregation to aid with purse and person to keep intact the grand old flag, that not a single star should be rent from the union, not one stripe from its field. And hearts had throbbed and eyes had welled over with tears that morning. There were dollars for the counded and volunteers for the war in that sermon

"Is it true that you have bought a sub-stitute, Edgar?"

It was the girl who spoke as the pair nrned up Lexington avenue. "Um!" and Edgar nodded his head

affirmatively. "A German, who thought his body and bones worth \$1,000."

She looked straight before her, kicking

She looked straight before her, kicking the point of her parasol with her boot tips as she walked "The last steamer brought 500 emigrants, Georgia The price of substitutes will go down for a bit. It is a pity I did not wait a little." "Yes, it is."

Yes, it is. She said this quite seriously, and stop-ped before the door of the house she lived

"Well, don't look so serious about it,"
he added cheerfully. "I have put \$1,000
to a worse use before now, Georgia."
"Never in your life, Edgar."
"Eh?"
"Cheer it your life, I say, Edgar." She

"Never in your life, I say, Edgar." She jumped up two steps, and then turned to confront him. "All the substitutes will be gone after awhile, and then they'll have to call upon us girls to go to the war. If I were drafted I'd not buy a sub-stitute: I'd go."
"I understand you," said he slowly,

and leaned against the pilaster. "Yo love your country more than all besidesch. Georgia?

She looked down at him with a half perplexed expression in her hazel colored eyes; and just then some leaves from the creeper that clambered the front of the house came fluttering to the ground between them. Stooping, she picked a red one up and held it up to him by way of diversion. "Is not that a beautiful

"It is red-a very suggestive one just now, and quite apropos of our conversa-tion, Georgia. Give it to me. That will be a leave taking, won't it?"

There was a tone of bitterness in his

voice; it was not hard to see that he was

angry. "You understand me in part, Edgar It is the worst part that you understand:

the better escapes you."
"No, I think not, Georgia." He pushed his hat back from his face and gazed steadily at her "You believe housestly that it is on my account, for my good name, that you are solicitous Come, now, some of your girl friends have been twitting you with my inglorious proclivities for a whole skin, contrast-ing the patriotic nobleness of their sweethearts with the selfish pusillanimity of yours. The thought has grown up in your brain that by and by it will be said to you. 'Your husband bought a substitute when he was drafted; you married a man who, when old and young were going to the war, sheltered himself behind his dollars Well, now. Georgia.

listen to me."
"Stop a moment. Edgar. "Stop a moment. Edgar. Tell me, have you never felt any of this for yourself? No one has ever twitted me as you say but I have thought, not it my brain but in my heart where all my thoughts of you grow Edgar"-her cheek flowhed, but she spoke resolutely ""that hereafter men may twit you, and you in turn may twit me, because when over your residence to the control of the control o when our country cried out londly, and fathers and brothers, aye, even to the very school lads, took their lives in their

hands and answered the cry, I perverted love to selfishness, and so stopped your ears that I left you to be one that men could point at and say, 'He stopped at

home."
"Edgar B---." The bospital aid read "Edgar B—," The hospital aid read the name from a pass presented to him by a lady who applied to see a patient. "Edgar B—, No. 5 ward, madam; sixth bed on the right." The hospital was clean enough and tidy, considering its crowded state, but

the smell of chloride of lime and carbol-ic acid could not altogether quell the sickly odors that drive in waves through a military hospital.

"Not dead. Oh, no madam; he's sleep. He was rather more favorably asleep. He was rather more taken thought of this morning. Both legs am putated at the knee." Un

" 'He is not dead, but sleepeth.' " Unconsciously she quoted holy words in her heart—her numbed heart, that seemed one while to stand still, and then to one while to stand still, and then to throb until her breath failed. "That will be a leavetaking, won't it?" The red leaf that had fluttered between them rose in her memory, and the words and

the look that accompanied them.

He opened his eyes and another pair are looking into them. A pair of eyes?

Ah, no, a soul is looking through them, a soul that measures every variation of intelligence in his-marks when the strangeness of surprise dissolves into the new shape of recognition, when the haziness of pain clears up into the distinct-ness of comfort.

Not a word is spoken. Only the two faces lie there touching on the pillow, and only the eyes move, searching every line of each face, saying, in unspoken language. "We are together." Together? Yes. There should be no

more leavetaking till the final one. So Georgia resolved, and while death stalked on every side around Edgar B—'s bed he lived. The surgeons said that Georgia saved him. His discharge The war went on, but his country could spare him now.

And so he got home at last to New York—all that his omnivorous country could spare of him as he expressed it, and then a low fever attacked him and the medical men assigned all that remained of him by anticipaall that remained of him by anticipa-tion to mother earth. There was no pain; life would burn out gently, but there was no hope, and Georgia would not believe them. She pitched her tent against the shadowy foe, and drew out the spear and buckler to fight for her love. She conquered, too, and when she had saved him the doctors declared he had a constitution of cast steel, and con-descended to take the credit of his recovery. It was not much of a recovery after all. Only a tottering from the couch to the window, a lifting from the carriage to a bench in the park, but that was a very great deal to her.

With a faint touch of irony all over-wrapped by a smile of good humor, he had said to her:

"Never mind, Georgia: you will have

to get a substitute now." And she, brave with a true woman's

made reply:
"My wodding dress is ready, Edgar
When shall we be married?"

She kneeled, and be propped himself upright upon his crutches before the al-tar. He will never kneel again: the patar. He will never kneel again; the pa-triot was excherated—God knows where his knees are—and then they went away. The bride and her cripple? Not a bit of it—the wife and her hero. He likes that seat by the likes on the north side of the lake. The sunlight glitters on the water frings that trickles from maker the feet of the away of the

from under the feet of the angel of the fountain, and he says it is a figure of his own life, which is running away over

the basin watched over by an angel.

The shadows of the lilacs lengthen out across the path and touch the grass plot, so she lifts the softly padded crutches and smiles her meaning, "Time to go home, Edgar." Sweet, serious face, Verily the martyr has his consolation.

That is the the idyl.—Percy Robinson in Harper's Bazar

Cost of Garters for New York Women

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