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SALLIE AND I.

BY ANNIE M. DUGANNE.

We're in the market—Sallie and I—
Are there no bachelors wanting to buy?
None who have courage enough to propose?
None who have wisdom enough to disclose
That they're shirts without buttons, and pants without
traps?
They have vests with fringed edges, and coats with torn
laps.
And their last winter's hose are minus of toes,
And their unconvicted heels are like to get froze,
For lack of such bodies as Sallie and I—
To attend to the wants and the woes we copy?

We are no coquettes—Sallie and I—
So free loving dandies need not apply—
Beauty's admirers or wits devoted,
Need the approach, for we never shall please!
But we know of a circle whose names are untold
In fame's shining temples or mansions of gold,
Whose lives without spot, or blemish or blot,
Have won them the honor the world giveth not—
For such, worthy bachelors, Sallie and I
Shall wait in the market—will ye not buy?

Unsuited Virtue, Sallie and I—
Only can offer to those who apply—
Hearts warm and loving we're given to blend
With hands ever ready to lend to befriend;
And our lips seldom gossip, our feet rarely roam
Beyond the charmed precincts of childhood's sweet
home!

And to wash, brew or bake, small splutter we make,
For 'Quiet and Thrift' is the motto we take.
Rare are such souls as Sallie and I—
Lazily bachelors, will ye not buy?

We're in the market—Sallie and I—
Shall we be left in the market to die?
Swiftly youth's fleeting years over us go,
Dimmer the rays from Hope's beacon light glow,
And the dimples where Cupid hath chosen her bed,
Too long left unvisited, will be wrinkles instead—
And our hearts, like the May, will forget to be gay,
If Love's fragrant bloom never dawn on our way.
Such the position of Sallie and I—
Offer to bachelors—pray, will ye buy?

LETTING ALONE.—In copying the letter from East Tennessee, imploring the aid of the government, the *National Intelligencer* pertinently remarks:—

'We presume that no citizen of any political denomination will deny the right of a loyal population to call upon their own government for assistance against the encroachments of unlawful and unconstitutional power, especially when that power, as in the case of East Tennessee, makes itself painfully felt by outages committed upon their private as well as public rights.'

We are at some loss to know on what grounds of consistency or right the men who, in their disloyal attitude to the national government, ask 'only to be let alone,' can justify the relentless war they are waging against the peace and happiness of their own compatriots in Virginia, Missouri and East Tennessee, who, in sincerity and with reason, ask only to be 'let alone' under the government established by their fathers. And we are equally puzzled to discern on what theory of political duty the national government could be defended in withholding its protection from the loyal people who bear and confess true allegiance to it. These are difficult questions, which can be answered to the satisfaction of secessionists only by assuming that 'rebellion' is something more sacred than 'established government.'

ANECDOTE OF GOVERNOR BRIGGS.—A friend has related to us an anecdote of the late Governor Briggs, which happily illustrates the simplicity of his character and his all pervading benevolence. When he was Governor of the State he was waited upon in his regular visits to a barber's shop in this city by a little colored boy who was quite a favorite with the customers. The boy fell sick with consumption. The gentleman who relates the story visited him one day at his residence in Brighton street, when his mother remarked that her son was more cheerful than usual. Says she, 'Governor Briggs has been here this afternoon, and he prayed and talked with him beautifully.' Our informant learned at this time that the visits of Governor Briggs had been frequent. Although filling the highest office in the State, and oppressed with its cares, he had found time to call repeatedly upon this poor little colored boy and administer much needed spiritual advice and consolation. The little fellow died soon after, and has 'gone before' his friend, we humbly trust, to that better world where earthly distinctions of rank or color are unknown.

THE RECONNOISSANCE OF WEDNESDAY.—The reconnaissance made at Lewinsville on Wednesday, by a detachment under Gen. Smith, for topographical purposes, and with no design to attack the enemy. The object of the reconnaissance was thoroughly accomplished. The detachment arrived at Lewinsville, about seven miles from the Chain Bridge, soon after 1 o'clock. The march was conducted with military regularity, with skirmishers thrown out, etc. They took position at Lewinsville, sent out pickets, driving in the rebels, and remained till 3 o'clock P.M., when the engineers, having completed their survey, the scouts were called in, and a return ordered. Immediately after a fire opened from the rebel batteries, and was answered by Griffin and Monk. Gen. Smith, hearing the engagement, went out with reinforcements, but met the party returning in perfect order. At every eminence Griffin and Monk opened on the rebels and silenced their guns several times. There was very little infantry firing, and but little work with cavalry. The good conduct of the New York 79th was particularly noteworthy. As the men came into camp, they were met by Gen. McClellan, whom they received with cheer upon cheer. He visited and tenderly talked with the wounded. To one of the 79th who was mortally hurt, he remarked: 'I was mistaken in you; you are brave men.' The dying man replied: 'No, General, you were right; we deserved your punishment.' General McClellan expresses himself greatly pleased with the day's work, which augurs something different from Bull Run.

While Lieut. McLean's company was scouting, a private named Hess fell upon a party of rebels. Although alone Hess fired upon them twice, at the sound of which McLean moved with only ten men, and drove the enemy from the field. The Pennsylvania cavalry were for the first time in action, and were complimented for good behavior by the commanding officer. They supported one battery in the withdrawal and McLean's the other.

THE CHAIN BRIDGE is about five miles northwest of Washington, and the Virginia shore of Potomac there is hilly, forming a kind of rocky bluff down to Washington, and for a distance above the bridge. The hills can be easily held by good troops against an approaching enemy. The same is true all the way down to and below Arlington. The ground is light, and the chain of hills forms a natural line of defence. The forests all having been cut down, our army can have full sweep at any attacking columns. The country is full of ravines just back of the river; but there are no places of the kind not commanded by our guns. There is a deep ravine back of Munson's Hill, by which our army if it becomes necessary, might attack the rebels in the rear.

MUSTER. There will be a Voluntary muster at North Anson, on Tuesday of next week.

The ninth regiment will leave Augusta on Wednesday next.

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President Lincoln and the North in the arduous contest on which they were entering; and his remarks were received with applause by all in the room. The writer asserts from his own personal knowledge that a vast majority of the members of both Houses of Parliament at the last session sympathized with our Government. The leaders of the Manchester interest are also our friends. And the writer adds:

'Let me give the substance of a conversation with Mr. Bright, shortly before my departure from England—that is to say, three months ago. I said to that eminent statesman, "You must be satisfied that civil war in the United States is now unavoidable; are our manufacturers preparing to obtain a supply of their raw material from other sources, such as India, Africa, and the West Indies?" Mr. Bright replied in substance: "We cannot hope to supply the deficiency under five or six years; whereupon I observed: "Then our government must recognize the South and break the blockade, in order to obtain cotton?" "No," he answered; "no government would do that." I asked him: "Then what will you do?" He replied: "We must blunt the storm as best we can."

(For the Mail.)

On Dress.

A hog in a yoke is in a poor condition to root well or even to rest well; so a man in shining broadcloth and stiff hat is not suitably equipped for business or pleasure. To work easily, there must be freedom from restraint, and a man in fine cloth and pasteboard hat is not at liberty to use his forces, physical or mental, to the extent of their power, or at all, with desirable freedom and ease.

Again, if you say, "a man should dress up on Sundays and holidays, though he need not do so on working days." I reply, he should do so; but not in such a manner as to drive away all comfort and ease. He whose coat pinches his shoulders, or who is afraid that some one will sit on his beaver and take the starch out of it, is not in a frame of mind to profit by preaching, or in a condition to enjoy a holiday.

Now, while we deprecate all slovenly habits of dress, and hold that it is the duty of all persons to dress neatly, and all who can do so, to wear good clothes, especially on the Sabbath, we say, the man who stifens himself up in tight-fitting broadcloth, head-aching hat, and corn-making boots, does violence, not only to his physical system, but to his mental vigor and repose.

Good taste in dress, does not require, but on the contrary, repudiates extreme stylishness. A good general rule is, not to wear anything which shall attract marked attention either for its gaudiness, or its plainness.

Again, take the article of a hat. It is a mistake for a short man to think he must wear a tall hat, or the tall man to think he must wear a very low hat; proportion should be observed here, as everywhere. The short man looks better in a short hat, the man of medium height, in a medium hat, and the tall man, in a tall hat. Every man looks best to appear just what he is, for the effort to appear other than that—in this matter of dress—is sure to betray itself, and, therefore, prove a failure.

Gewgaws and cheap jewelry should be eschewed, with high-heeled boots and military caps—unless a man is a soldier, and then he may wear any foolish thing that the army regulations allow him to wear—in short, common sense should be consulted in all matters of dress, and good taste observed in the selection of all articles of wearing apparel, from a collar to a coat, or a boot to a button.

PRO NIO.—How easily and cheaply children are made happy, if the effort is only made in the right direction. A few weeks since we saw a score or two of little ones—a birthday party—who, bundled into a hay-rack, and seated on good sweet straw, rode off as full of happiness as their little hearts could hold; just as well pleased, no doubt, with their rude conveyance and the prospect of a frolic in the grove across the river, as they would have been with a ride in a gilded coach to see the Lord Mayor's Show.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Nye took his Section of Cadets of Temperance out for their annual picnic. The place selected was a delightful grove, about a mile from the village, on the farm of J. Snickpole, Esq., the large hearted proprietor of which told Mr. Nye, in answer to his application, that he might not only take the Cadets, but the whole village, if he wished—a hint which it would be well to act upon at some future time. Here the boys and girls, to the number of a hundred or more, with some of the fathers and mothers, assembled for a free and easy good time. The little ones ran here and there, with glad shouts and merry laughter, filling the wood with the music of their voices, and the old folks looked and listened, and chatted, happy to see those they loved enjoying themselves. When tired of play the children were called together, "America" was sung, the Lord's prayer repeated in concert, and then refreshments were distributed. After which, more play, and then slowly and reluctantly in scattered groups, they left for home, hoping for another good time like it, no matter how soon.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We learn from the Farmer that Mr. W. C. Fuller, of Readfield, brother of Eben Fuller, Esq., of Augusta, fell dead in Winthrop village, on Monday last while driving his team of oxen. His death is attributed to heart disease.

Our Boston Letter.

Curtailed of the Mail—Union War Meeting—Seizure of Southern Property—Late Skirmishes—Floyd—The Coffee of England—The new national loan—Confidence of the People—England's Position in regard to the Loan—Incident—Cotton and the Blockade—Northern Gold and Liberty.

DEAR MAIL: I hardly knew you in your curtailed proportions when you first reached me—something was wanting. In fact, your appearance suggested the idea that some malicious person had torn my paper in halves and mailed me a portion to save me a complete disappointment. It certainly is to be regretted that "stern necessity," compelled by lack of advertising patronage consequent of the times, should force you to cut down your "fair proportions" to such an extent. But that regret is lessened when the hope is entertained that upon the return of peace to our now distracted country, prosperity will again smile upon all, and the Mail will resume its former size with increased patronage. Meanwhile "half a loaf is better than none."

The great "Union War Meeting," in the Cradle of Liberty, came off last Monday evening. The

