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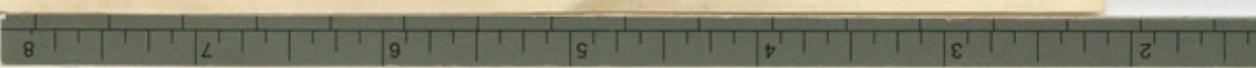
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Mon 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1864.

1. At a ~~large~~ <sup>small</sup> Nashville hotel Grant & Sherman met. Grant had <sup>just</sup> been to Washington and put on his new crown of General-in-Chief; and Sherman had <sup>just</sup> been to Meridian, Miss on an experimental tour to try the mettle of his horses. The ~~ambitions~~ <sup>ambitions</sup> of his muscles and the legs of his men. ~~He~~ <sup>he</sup> had ~~entertained~~ <sup>entertained</sup> a ~~covert~~ <sup>covert</sup> plan of decaying his enemies, who were looking to the four winds for ~~the~~ <sup>this</sup> ubiquitous Angel of Reckoning. Behold ~~the~~ <sup>these</sup> ~~men~~ <sup>men</sup> Grant & Sherman! Grant ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> medium sized ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> - short neck, square shoulders, ~~frank~~ <sup>frank</sup> with proportioned head & firmly knit frame. His heavy brow ~~large~~ <sup>large</sup> eye always ~~masked~~ <sup>masked</sup> by his strong self control ~~gave~~ <sup>gave</sup> him ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~air~~ <sup>air</sup> of ~~grave~~ <sup>grave</sup> ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~high~~ <sup>high</sup> ~~rank~~ <sup>rank</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~great~~ <sup>great</sup> ~~power~~ <sup>power</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~respect~~ <sup>respect</sup>. His ~~stare~~ <sup>stare</sup> which probably never failed him ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~most~~ <sup>most</sup> ~~trying~~ <sup>trying</sup> ~~circumstances~~ <sup>circumstances</sup>. Tighter his face. Broke humor & good fellowship ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> Sherman the utmost friendliness. Sherman ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~taller~~ <sup>taller</sup> ~~than~~ <sup>than</sup> ~~Grant~~ <sup>Grant</sup>. His forehead high, his hair light & sandy, his eye keen & piercing and his frame tho. not so compact as Grants ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~supple~~ <sup>supple</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~rounded~~ <sup>rounded</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~well~~ <sup>well</sup> ~~developed~~ <sup>developed</sup> ~~muscles~~ <sup>muscles</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~energy~~ <sup>energy</sup>. Grant ~~impressed~~ <sup>impressed</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~man~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~high~~ <sup>high</sup> ~~rank~~ <sup>rank</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~great~~ <sup>great</sup> ~~power~~ <sup>power</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~respect~~ <sup>respect</sup>. Sherman like a hill country ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~heights~~ <sup>heights</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~mountains~~ <sup>mountains</sup>. His buoyant coming put out at ease, ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~deep~~ <sup>deep</sup> ~~pleasant~~ <sup>pleasant</sup> ~~voice~~ <sup>voice</sup> ~~needed~~ <sup>needed</sup> ~~attention~~ <sup>attention</sup>.





2 and his fast flowing, concise sentences rewarded  
~~the~~ your silence.

There at Nashville, they ~~met~~<sup>met</sup> & Grant turned  
over to Sherman the Western armies.

As Grant hastened back to Washington Sherman  
met with him as far as ~~the~~<sup>the two 'kneeling up their</sup> ~~the~~<sup>military</sup> ~~the~~<sup>conditions</sup>

In ~~a~~<sup>the</sup> ~~single~~<sup>one</sup> ~~sentences~~<sup>words</sup> Sherman has summed up

this prolonged council of War: "In midst  
constant interruptions of a business & social nature  
we reached the satisfactory conclusion that as soon

as the season would permit, all the armies of

the Union would assume the "bold offensive"

by "concentric lines" on the common enemy, and  
would finish up the job in a single

campaign if possible. The main "objections" were

Lee's Army behind the Rapidan in Virginia

and Joseph E. Johnston's Army at Dalton

Georgia." So much for the <sup>general</sup> plan of our Spring

Campaign. It is put into another form, when

Grant writes, <sup>Sherman the evening</sup> April 4 ~~the~~ "You I propose to

move against Johnston's Army, to break it up,  
and to get into the interior of the Enemy's Country, as  
far as you can, inflicting all the damage you  
can against their war-resources."



3. With this ~~man~~ <sup>Sherman</sup> was delighted & rejoiced ~~greatly~~ April 10<sup>th</sup> among other things ~~stated~~, that: "Should Johnston fall behind the Chattahoochee, I will begin to the right, but pass to the left and act against Atlanta or its Eastern communications according to developed facts." One other item followed a little later (Grant's letter Apr 19/64) "My directions then would be, if the enemy in your front shows signs of joining Lee, follow him up to the full extent of your ability. ~~Am~~ <sup>Am</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> our work, comrades, in a nut-shell Take a bold offensive, - beat Johnston, - get into the interior, - inflict damage, - and keep your enemy so busy that <sup>we</sup> cannot reinforce elsewhere. <sup>so ordered</sup> To ~~see~~ <sup>catch glimpses of</sup> how the work was undertaken - there are other pictures.

<sup>Sherman</sup> General had some original maps of rapid transit. A special car took him the 25<sup>th</sup> of March to Gen. G. M. Dodge <sup>then</sup> Comd. at Pulaski Tenn. <sup>My</sup> ~~that~~ he joined McPherson just arrived at Huntsville Ala. The two later ~~are~~ <sup>will</sup> ~~be~~ seen with Thomas at Chattanooga: and then speedily with



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without rail - cars

Schofield a hundred miles eastward at Knoxville. ~~They~~ Schofield <sup>turned</sup> ~~returned~~ to Chattanooga.

~~back~~ with them: ~~so that shortly after~~ at Chattanooga in the left hand ~~rain~~ of ~~them~~ a story & a half house, now owned by Mr G. J. Williams in the first left hand ~~rain~~ <sup>took place</sup> ~~was~~, a memorable

meeting before the end of March, a memorable meeting - Gen. Schofield, who was to bring into the field about 14,000 men <sup>he was</sup> in form more like Grant than Sherman - combined great intellectual

vigor with marked judiciousness, <sup>another</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~the~~ Sherman who had <sup>some</sup> 25,000 soldiers, was already a rival of Sherman in quickness of thought.

But like all engineers more cautious & wary in his ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~agreement~~ - with his genial face, his <sup>large</sup> ~~high~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~head~~ and fine figure he stood abreast of the noblest.

Gen. G. K. Thomas, <sup>with his</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>nearly</sup> 70,000 aggregate. <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>three</sup> ~~three~~ were <sup>of great</sup> ~~of great~~ <sup>importance</sup> ~~importance~~ full & broad & heavy & handsome, of great judgment and sterling record. <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>three</sup> ~~three~~ were assembled & the hearty Sherman was with them.

Of this group Sherman in his story has said: "We had nothing like a council of war, but <sup>consulted</sup> ~~consulted~~ <sup>examined</sup> ~~examined~~ freely and frankly on all matters of interest then in progress or impending." At least the first of war was to end the period of preparation, when the

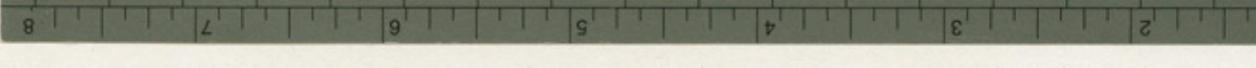


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2000000 a hundred million  
Kempster. The 2000000 return to the  
with them.

There were in a group of half a dozen  
owned by Mrs. P. J. Williams in the first  
left hand corner was, a member  
Account before the end of March, a member  
meeting. The 2000000 was to be  
into the field about 11.00 AM in  
like group then discussed the  
higher with the members, who  
what had been 2.000 dollars, was always  
view of the members - questions of the  
But like all members were content to stay in  
the experience. With his general fear, his wife had  
and her figure. Instead of the  
Gen. H. Thomas, with his  
The 2000000 of the  
of the group of members in his group has been: "Mr.  
but nothing like a number of Mrs. P. J. Williams  
help and finally on all matters of interest  
then in progress or in being." It was the first  
of the group of members.





different elements should be gathered & ready for  
 the hour. The number of copies of the various  
 the various essential elements were fixed, and  
 the great problem of safe supply was the  
 at least to them, and, therefore, they were  
 the meeting before us. The two main  
 returned to their places taking  
 for a while to the other side. The main  
 all the arrangements of the work were  
 followed. The next month was prepared  
 with the first steps of the German  
 campaign. Behind the back of the  
 side of each other; but by way of to want the  
 signs of the war. Behind the  
 double ends of tropical bridges, the parts of  
 & houses in nature, the objects of which  
 going up of the region. The coffee & the  
 had been covered in the  
 the head of the matter being about the  
 from the mountains & mountains. The  
 the world is a great calculator. The  
 business. Big & important  
 are always a source of measurement &



6. When we were ready for the bold offensive -  
Thomas left <sup>(Thomas's camp)</sup> ~~was~~ at Batavia Springs; his center <sup>(Krocker)</sup> at  
Ringold, this night <sup>(Palmer)</sup> at Lee's Tan yard. McPherson  
was <sup>near</sup> Villanova, and Schofield <sup>moving southwest</sup> ~~approaching~~  
Dalton from Cleveland, Tenn. <sup>approached Dalton.</sup>

<sup>showed</sup> The 6<sup>th</sup> of May - set no notice Batavia Springs,  
It was a watering place & a summer resort. The  
surrounding hills were covered with trees  
<sup>light green</sup> already in leaf, and the mountain ranges <sup>on two sides</sup> to the  
southwest & Taylor's Ridge gave <sup>substantial</sup>  
back ground to a variegated landscape. The  
~~effects~~ <sup>effects</sup> of war had <sup>greatly</sup> depopulated the  
village, so that there was little use for the large <sup>halls</sup>  
buildings or the smaller boarding houses - a few  
straggling civilians and a few <sup>dubious</sup> black people  
<sup>were all that</sup> remained to satisfy official curiosity <sup>and</sup> supply  
local knowledge. ¶ This bright morning I saw

Thomas & Sherman together. Sherman <sup>what things were in motion</sup> now  
appeared happy & confident. There was not  
much of discussion, <sup>with a map before him</sup> he ~~gave~~ gave us briefly  
the entire situation. "Here is Dalton - <sup>that</sup> <sup>your</sup>  
your force! - on this side Schofield. <sup>gone</sup> ~~McPherson~~  
McPherson, <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ to pass the Snake Gap  
& strike Johnston's line". Thomas in his



I quiet <sup>at this time</sup> was put forth the colder view,  
viz: to send out once the larger force <sup>not the smaller</sup> ~~third~~.  
The Genl. Sherman shook his head, &  
signified that he was not <sup>yet</sup> ready to  
exchange his base for Johnston's. But  
there was no jar <sup>among us</sup> only confidence <sup>in each other</sup> &  
strong hope in our hearts as we  
separated that day.

Early the next morning was another meeting <sup>but in the open field.</sup>  
Gen. Stanley with <sup>his strong build</sup> ~~his strong build~~, <sup>firm face</sup> ~~long beard~~, <sup>face</sup>  
~~and long beard~~, Gen. J. G. Ward of smaller  
stature, greyish hair & decisive caustic  
mug, and Newton <sup>handsome</sup> with his ~~firm~~ figure  
& keen sensation looks, never thoroughly  
content. <sup>until</sup> the conflict was actually  
joined, these division commanders of the 4th  
Corps stood <sup>near each other</sup> ~~entirely~~ gazing upon the  
crest of Tunnel Hill. <sup>our</sup> ~~Other~~ troops were <sup>already</sup>  
deployed & advancing in the beautiful morning  
light. <sup>Arms</sup> ~~Bayonets or~~ ~~poor~~ ~~handles~~ were never brighter -  
and the Confederate cavalry <sup>in full array</sup> ~~coming up from~~  
beyond the ridge, with skirmish intervals, added

I print many but for the the golden view  
to send us over the paper for  
the paper. There was thought his best  
signified that he was not ready to  
exchange the paper for John's. But  
There was no joy, only confusion  
staring before in our hearts so we  
separated that day.

Only the next morning was another meeting  
held. I started with the paper, but the  
and had been, the J. J. Ward of  
Station, specific hair & decision  
was, and then other with his fine figure  
& been sensitive leads, never thought  
contact, like the best was actually  
joined, there was one of the  
Goff's stand entirely paying for the  
great of the Hill. The traps were  
defused & advancing in the beautiful morning  
light. ~~But the traps were never caught~~  
and the ~~traps were never caught~~  
beyond the night. ~~But the traps were never caught~~



~~Emotion~~ <sup>intense</sup> emotion to the parade — while a battery  
or so hastening to place <sup>only</sup> deepened the  
feeling <sup>in the breasts of</sup> our experienced veterans now  
~~rapidly advancing~~ <sup>in rapid motion</sup>. At a word <sup>of command</sup> & a  
single call the entire line took <sup>up</sup>  
the run, and soon cleared our  
whole front. A few "zips, zips" of the  
<sup>a few common saltpre</sup> foremost rifles, a few screeches of shells,  
a few men wounded to the death or  
maimed for life! and that was all!  
Stanley ~~cried out~~, "the ball is opened"  
When I took my stand by <sup>Stanley's</sup> side on  
the crest of <sup>the</sup> hill just gained, and <sup>heard</sup> longed  
to reconnoiter the craggy mountain range  
which <sup>still</sup> sheltered the bulk of Johnston's host,  
he <sup>cried</sup> ~~cried out~~ to me "the ball is opened", and  
so it <sup>had</sup> ~~was~~. It was a long dance, for more than  
100 days. It was a terrible dance, wilder at  
~~times than a storm in the desert, a hurricane in~~  
~~the front~~ <sup>times than a storm in the desert, a hurricane in</sup>  
the front hurricane, and it



Arms then

at fearfully suggestion of the Savage  
war-dance that ends in death to white men  
& desolation to homes. ~~for~~ <sup>far off</sup> to the center &  
right Calumet with his sturdy face & Thomas-  
like proportions, and the handsome, fighting Joe  
Hooker, always a law unto himself, bore their  
part in the opening Ball. closing up speedily  
to the Racky-face-barrier, and stopping <sup>that</sup>

whizzing birds ~~buzzed~~ <sup>screeching</sup> ~~than~~ those which gave the gaping  
mountain its name of Buzzard's gap.

One such <sup>Savage</sup> bird in the shape of a Minnie  
ball flew between Howard & Thomas,  
meant its way past a group of staff  
officers, grazed the limb of a tree &  
fell dead upon the ground <sup>screeching</sup>  
in its flight a <sup>in three rents</sup> Generals coat & pecking  
an uneven hole thro. the rim of a  
staff hat.

Meanwhile Newton & his brave  
men <sup>against bloody resistance</sup> were dragging cannon to the <sup>eastward</sup> <sup>east</sup> northward;  
and Hooker <sup>was</sup> ascending the mountain against

Headquarters Division of the Atlantic,

GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY,

1881

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10. Many adds southward of the <sup>old</sup> Buzzard's  
formidable Raosts.

One scene at Resaca could be painted.

Two rivers came together, <sup>the Oostanaula</sup> one flowing west  
& the other <sup>the Conasauga</sup> flowing south.

Confederate Johnston <sup>his army</sup>  
after fleeing from Dalton, placed <sup>his army</sup> Polk in the

N. W. angle, <sup>of these streams</sup> resting Polk's corps against the

Oostanaula, <sup>facing west</sup> put Hood's next, running up a  
creek, and then <sup>one</sup> ~~beats~~ Hood back in a

crucial error till his men touched the

Conasauga. Sherman made the Phron

front Polk; <sup>Sheffield's face</sup> ~~Thomas~~ <sup>Hood's</sup> indented lines, &

Thomas take care of Hood. <sup>Thomas</sup> Holding the center  
or <sup>or</sup> ~~enveloping~~ <sup>in the midst of rough forest land exceedingly rough & wild</sup>  
lines. <sup>Thomas</sup> had ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> men enough to cover

more than half of Hood's front. Stanley  
of Howard's corps held the left. He put much  
cannon on convenient knolls & had as large reserves  
as he could spare; <sup>but</sup> ~~but~~ the indomitable Hood

or the wary Johnston had discovered the weakness

of <sup>the</sup> ~~Stanley's~~ <sup>our</sup> left, so that about 3 P.M. the masses

of Hood came pouring, like a mountain torrent,  
upon Stanley & far beyond the reach of his rifles.



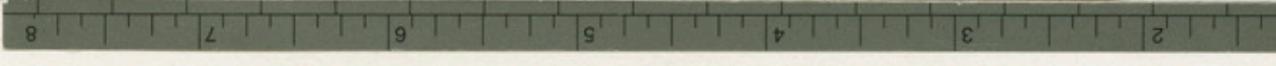






The water in the ground of a rocky hill, under the  
 stone house, was very much improved by taking observation  
 from the  
 level of a road a few feet higher than the  
 top of a weather-vane. Still after that cut  
 the water rose to the level of the  
 hills. It was probably the fact that the  
 height up to the point  
 to be the level of the water & the  
 of some distance. ~~It was~~ but the  
 also in the water & great level of the  
 level of the water & great level of the  
 and be himself, the level of the  
 that level was, the level of the  
 and changed its location. That appears to be  
 the better of the water.

The picture on the top of the church seems in the morning  
 like that of a young man's face. The picture is  
 after the church in the evening. The picture is  
 on the top of the church in the morning. The picture is  
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 on the top of the church in the morning. The picture is



13. work. It was dreadfully dark that night. Schafeld's  
horse stumbled & disabled him, & Gen. Cox took his place -  
~~Our torches were nearly~~ <sup>all had numerous men</sup> as <sup>our men</sup> ~~our~~ brandy marked into place &  
intrenched our batteries, and evaded our <sup>front</sup> ~~men~~ but the torches  
seemed to make the darkness darker and <sup>our</sup> ~~hope~~ <sup>that night</sup> beat  
low. Johnston's supplies ready at New Hope Church.  
But Dallas & the <sup>attempted off to our right</sup> ~~thunder~~ gave no the reverse - side  
of the picture, and <sup>sp.</sup> ~~hope~~ <sup>which had dropped</sup> ~~review~~ when confederates, &  
not Yankees, were several times checked & drawn back.

There was another night seem <sup>rough</sup> not quite as gloomy  
as that of New Hope Church, the 27<sup>th</sup> of May  
at Pickett's Mill. Our enemy thus describes a part  
its cause. He says "the fighting rose above the  
grade of skirmishing especially in the afternoon  
when at half past five the fourth Corps (Haward)  
[then was only Wood's division] and a divn. of the 11<sup>th</sup> Mi  
(Palmer) ~~attempted~~ <sup>attempted</sup> to turn our right, but the  
movement, after being repulsed by the cavalry, was met  
by two regiments of our right division (Cleburne) and two  
brigades of his second line brought up as the first.  
The federal formation was so deep that its front did  
not equal that of our two brigades; consequently those  
troops were greatly exposed to our Musketry - all but the  
leading troops being on a hillside facing us. They



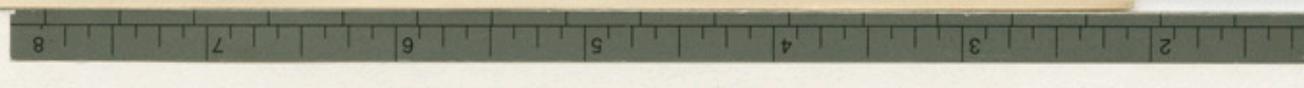
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advanced until their first line was within 25 or 30 paces of ours and fell back only after at least 400 men had fallen dead in their plans. When the leading Federal troops paused in their advance, a color bearer came on & planted his colors eight or ten feet in front of his regiment, but was killed in the act. A soldier who sprang forward to hold up or bear off the colors was shot dead as he seized the staff. Two others who followed successively fell like him, but the fourth bore back the noble emblem. Some time after night-fall the Confederates captured about 200 prisoners in the hollow before them."

It was of that sad night that General Howard has written: "We worked our men all that weary night in fortifying. The Confederate commander was ready at daylight to take his offensive against us at Pickett's Mill, but he did not do so, because he found our position & works too strong to warrant the attempt. With a foot raised by a fragment of a shell I sat that night among the wounded in the midst of a forest glade, while Major Howard of my staff led regiments & brigades into the new positions chosen for them. Gen. R. W. Johnson (Palmer's Div. Comdr.) had been wounded & Captain Stinson of my staff had

advanced until their first line was within 20  
 or 30 paces of ours and fell back only after  
 we had got near and fallen dead in their  
 places. When the leading file or two of  
 in their advance, a certain number came on  
 about his column either on the left or right  
 regiment, but was killed in the act. A British  
 company forward to take up a line off the column  
 that they could be seized the staff. Two other  
 followed forward all like him, but the fourth  
 bar back. The whole column. Over three after  
 night fall the British column advanced about 200  
 paces in the column before them.

all was off that night that summer however  
 too written: "We would see all that night  
 might be for taking. The confidence government  
 was ready on tonight to take his officers against  
 us at British's side, but he did not do so, because  
 he found our position too strong to move  
 the attempt. With a foot he would be the  
 still I got that night among the woods  
 in the midst of a forest close, while Major Howard  
 of my staff he reports to the new position  
 chosen for them. Gen. G. W. B. (Palmer's name)  
 has been wounded & Captain Howard of my staff had



15. (men shot thro. the lungs, and a large number lay there ~~on~~ on a sideling slope by a faint camp fire, with broken limbs or disfigured faces." Actually but one division (woods) made the ~~assault~~ <sup>successful</sup> and its conduct receives a brave enemy's praise! The fighting & the night work secured the object of the movement & caused ~~the~~ Johnston to swing back <sup>his whole army</sup> to a new position.

Behold the scene at Pine top mountain, where a reconnoitering group of Confederate Generals <sup>new</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>surprised & scattered</sup> ~~disturbed~~ by a shell, <sup>with</sup> ~~left~~ <sup>left</sup> ~~lay~~ <sup>remains</sup> dead.

Behold the Tennessee, Twin Mountain ridges with southern slope, rugged with abatis & fallen trees, and fortified with ditches & heavy logs & <sup>conspicuously</sup> manned by abundant rifles & cannon.

The 27<sup>th</sup> of June a strong & well sustained assault was made thro. shot & shell, over stumps, trees & rough ground, by the Deas of Newlin & Jeff. B. Davis, Harter & Jean Mc. Cook ~~fell~~ & a host of other gallant soldiers <sup>surrounding</sup> <sup>a</sup> ~~led~~ ~~the~~ ~~them~~ ~~hope~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~impossible~~ ~~barriers~~. ~~fell~~ ~~close~~ ~~up~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~impossible~~ ~~barriers~~.

<sup>on the hill of gully</sup> ~~Myron~~ ~~Camp~~ ~~ground~~ ~~developed~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~hostile~~ ~~earth~~ ~~work~~ ~~amid~~ ~~forest~~ ~~trees~~ ~~behind~~ ~~a~~ ~~broad~~ ~~field~~. <sup>open</sup> ~~Stanley~~ <sup>there</sup> showed how to double skirmishers, capture







# He <sup>came</sup> ~~comes~~ on, as at Gettysburg, from the  
dense wood into the valley, to surround us  
several miles our front Atlanta. His blows  
were so sudden & his onslaught so swift that  
at first  
1) ~~it was not his~~ ~~blows~~ ~~disturbed~~ ~~Hooker's~~  
breathing, made Williams talk fast and Geary  
suspend his Kansas & Mexican war stories.  
In the language of the foot-cull man, they had  
for a few hours a hard tooth, but mainly but  
managed to keep on the Atlanta side of the  
Peach-tree. Newton planted his Big Cross at  
the East End of the line, & this, <sup>no doubt</sup> ~~badly~~ terrified  
was, as he always <sup>was</sup> too obstinate to go back.  
Thomas, ~~rudely~~ <sup>put in</sup> ~~planted~~ reserve batteries & kept  
pieces of iron rattling among the <sup>Chapel</sup> ~~Chapel~~ &  
alders of the <sup>new</sup> ~~new~~ <sup>hand</sup> intervals, ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~prevented~~  
<sup>that</sup> ~~this~~ <sup>left</sup> ~~meat~~ <sup>flank</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>captain</sup> ~~head~~ <sup>stuck</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>forth</sup>  
his tremendous energy, but <sup>soon</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~turned~~ <sup>back</sup>  
to the glorious cover within the thoroughly  
fortified lines of the important city.



Again the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July had dispatched  
 Hodge to move <sup>in the night</sup> ~~by a~~ <sup>15 miles</sup> ~~west~~ <sup>east</sup> the south east flank of  
 Sherman. The Army of the Tenn. was  
 there. <sup>on the left</sup> The attack ~~came~~ <sup>came</sup> from the south  
 and east. Dodge's Corps however was  
 first struck. <sup>but the Pherson was slain</sup> Then Blair's - then Logan's.  
 Dodge held his ground - Blair gave, after heavy  
 was a double repulse, and Logan <sup>gallantly</sup> ~~relieved~~ <sup>relieved</sup> the  
 final break. While Sherman, Schofield  
 sat upon their horses <sup>with deep interest</sup> near the Howard  
 house watching the play of the lightning & hearing  
 the roar of the thunder till the terrible storm  
 had ~~over~~ <sup>away</sup> ~~passed~~. ~~Had~~ ~~again~~ ~~withdrew~~  
 his shattered columns to town.

<sup>by the President's order</sup>  
 The 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, ensuing, ~~having~~ <sup>was given</sup> replaced the Pherson's  
~~Over~~ ~~more~~ Howard, <sup>by the report</sup>  
<sup>command</sup> ~~the 27<sup>th</sup> of July~~ <sup>by the report</sup> ~~led~~ the way to Ezra  
 Chapel, going from the left <sup>by the report</sup> ~~arriving~~ <sup>to the</sup>  
 extreme right. Dodge deployed <sup>by the report</sup> ~~next~~ <sup>to</sup> Thomas.  
 then Blair, and lastly as Logan was finishing  
 the flank movement the next morning  
 just in front of Sherman & Howard, and about

The first movement of the war was  
 in the month of August 1861  
 when the British fleet entered  
 the harbor of the city of  
 Saigon. The British fleet  
 consisted of the ships  
 "HMS Hermes" and "HMS  
 "HMS Porpoise". The  
 British fleet was  
 ordered to enter the  
 harbor of Saigon  
 in order to protect  
 the French interests  
 in the region. The  
 British fleet was  
 met by the French  
 fleet and a battle  
 was fought. The  
 British fleet was  
 defeated and the  
 French fleet  
 remained in the  
 harbor. The British  
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1) attaining with his deployed line a modest height  
the battle began. It raged for hours - Legans  
force was mainly engaged, but Regiments  
from Blair promptly led to place by Strong  
and help of men & batteries from Dodge &  
Blair stopped ~~a big~~ <sup>feared breach</sup> ~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> flow, and effectually  
held back the flanking force. As this was  
Goad's third attempt, anger & desperation  
seemed to have been transfused from his  
heart into his charging lines. The scream  
the yell, the run, the brisk marching  
musket-fire & the cannon roar ~~with~~  
~~its~~ <sup>its</sup> ~~crashing~~ <sup>crashing</sup> ~~effects~~. We cannot forget them!  
<sup>But our enemy was</sup> effectually repulsed at every point, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>field</sup> ~~at~~  
night was ours. The baffled confederates  
were again defeated & returned <sup>to the shelter of the</sup> ~~to the~~ <sup>protecting</sup>  
batteries.



20

From the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of August  
Sherman's ~~Army~~<sup>forces</sup> made a circuitous ~~wheel-~~<sup>maneuver</sup>

If you should ~~face~~<sup>face</sup> a line <sup>of armies</sup> to the rear and  
~~then~~<sup>then</sup> make a little more than a half wheel about

it's now left as a pivot you would get  
some idea of the manner in which  
we were free upon Hood's communications.

~~except that~~<sup>Met the line</sup>, like an india rubber string,  
the line had ~~stretched out~~<sup>was extended till</sup> till the Army of

the Tennessee reached Reelfoot Place 25 miles  
from Atlanta. Schofield <sup>kept</sup> near the pivot-  
and Thomas <sup>was</sup> between.

The evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> after a very day  
~~when~~<sup>during which our</sup> Cav. & Infy - had been forcing  
a succession of log barricades - and repairing  
culverts <sup>bridges</sup>, we came to <sup>a track of</sup> some barren sand-banks,  
intending to camp <sup>there</sup> for the night. ~~At~~<sup>After</sup> a  
short halt Howard <sup>called</sup> sent for Kilpatrick, and said  
"It is but six miles to Flint River - where  
a bridge crosses and but a few men  
to Jonesboro the Ry. Station. Can you send

From the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of August  
 The morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> after a very  
 warm day we had been having  
 a succession of fog showers - and before  
 daylight our camp was covered with  
 in thick fog for the night - after  
 about half past 12 we started for  
 "It is but six miles to the next station -  
 a bridge crosses over a river and  
 is covered with the thick fog  
 The river has a shallow bed and the  
 water is very shallow except that  
 we fear upon the banks of the  
 main river of the mountain on which  
 it was left as a point for horses  
 and the little river has a deep  
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21) One our officers who <sup>can take</sup> ~~will~~ take a  
squadron of Cav. and keep ~~the~~ Wheeler's  
rear guard in motion? "Yes - here is  
Captain Estes <sup>He can do it if anybody can?</sup> "All right - go ahead  
Estes and I will follow you with  
Infy." Wheeler's men thinking we had  
stopped for the night had already <sup>dismounted</sup>  
and ~~had~~ were preparing to bivouac at  
a respectful distance from us when  
suddenly they beheld Capt. Estes with his  
indomitable squadron charging down  
the road. The Confederates sprang <sup>to their</sup>  
saddles and no body <sup>neither</sup> carried,  
hurrier or pursued till the Flint-river  
bridge had been reached. Our men  
extinguished the flames already <sup>knudled</sup>  
saved the bridge and soon <sup>were</sup>  
crossing the force just as the <sup>midnight</sup>  
was darkening into the night.  
One Corps - Logan's - was quickly <sup>marched</sup>  
along the <sup>both</sup> bank <sup>of the river</sup> and began to ascend the <sup>wooded</sup>



~~which springs from~~  
~~the~~ <sup>beyond</sup> hill beyond. Hardee's <sup>corps</sup> having  
 brought <sup>train</sup> ~~him~~ from Atlanta. now gave  
 us no ~~the~~ <sup>any</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>single</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>skirmish</sup>  
 line resistance. We charged the hill  
 cleared the way to the crest - and the  
 men though exceedingly weary with a  
 long march of 25 miles or more worked  
 the whole night down their front with  
 the habitual envenements. The next  
 day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Aug., Logan's <sup>& Ransom's</sup> men ~~&~~  
~~Ransom's~~, supported by Blair,  
 received Hardee's renewal of the conflict.  
 The charges were not as vigorous as  
~~at Atlanta~~ <sup>before</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>they</sup> were ~~at~~ all along the  
 line refused. Before the next day  
 Thomas had eluded in an ~~long~~ <sup>Howard's</sup>  
 left. <sup>the two</sup> made a vigorous push for  
 Jonesboro. ~~By this movement~~ <sup>Hardee's</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>half</sup>  
 of Hood's Army was put to flight.  
 The instant the situation was known to Hood  
 still at Atlanta he abandoned that city -



will pay me - the bills  
I brought them from Dallas  
in the morning and a further  
bill received. Mr. [unclear] the bill  
cleared the way to the creek - and the  
men though exceedingly busy with a  
long array of articles or more  
the water right - soon their front  
Mr. [unclear] settlement. The next  
day, Mr. [unclear] [unclear] men  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] of the [unclear]  
The charges were not as vigorous as  
before and soon all along the  
line returned. Before the next day  
[unclear] had cleared in on [unclear]  
left - [unclear] a vigorous [unclear] for  
four days. It is noted that [unclear]  
of those [unclear] out to fight -  
The [unclear] the [unclear] was known to [unclear]  
the [unclear] be [unclear] that [unclear]

23)

and succeeded by a wonderful  
night march in forming a junction with  
Hordce below us at Louisville Station.

Stocum, who ~~with~~ <sup>the 20th Corps had advanced</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>the</sup> 20th Corps being left behind, had entrenched  
himself in a strong fortified place across

Sherman's northern communications, soon  
had positive evidence ~~on and above~~ <sup>by the</sup>

in the city - fires and explosions that Hordce

had left ~~the night of Sept 1st~~ <sup>He</sup> put his columns in motion <sup>at dawn</sup>  
and <sup>joyously</sup> marched into the long beleaguered city -

~~Sherman was at the front but now~~  
~~has returned back~~ Gen. Sherman who was  
near us <sup>at Chambers</sup> gives a graphic <sup>of this event</sup> picture: "That night  
he says - "I was so restless and impatient that

I could not sleep, and about midnight there  
arose - toward Atlanta sounds of shells exploding  
and other sounds like that of musketry.

I walked to the house of a farmer close by my  
village - called him out to listen to the <sup>reverbations</sup>  
which came from the direction of Atlanta -  
(20 miles to the north of us), and inquired of him  
if he had resided there long. He said he had



24) and that their sounds were just  
like those of a battle. An interval of quiet  
then ensued when again about 4 am. arose  
other similar explosions, but I still <sup>remained</sup>  
in doubt whether the enemy was engaged in  
blowing up his own magazines, or  
whether Genl. - Schoen had not felt forward  
and ~~not been~~ <sup>became</sup> engaged in a real battle.  
Early that day rumor followed rumor that  
Hood was gone - finally a note from Schoen  
himself assured our <sup>anxious</sup> ~~anxious~~ General of  
our facts. Then as he turned back to  
take possession he sent to Mr. Lincoln  
that memorable despatch "Atlanta is ours <sup>and</sup>  
fairly won" -

As Hood was yet strong he prepared  
himself while we rested, and reequipped to  
make an <sup>vigorous</sup> ~~bold~~ offensive campaign with  
a view as was said to strike our  
lines of supply & tow us back little by  
little first to Chattanooga, then by a bold



25)

effort crossing the Tennessee to bring us  
to Nashville. ~~and~~ <sup>in this</sup> if successful, it was hoped  
that Sherman with his Generals, Thomas  
Schofield and Howard would a little  
later pick up at Louisville ~~Kentucky~~.

~~He~~ <sup>succeeded in doing so</sup> did much damage - <sup>The rash Hood</sup> He caused the  
death of many men & seven hills & many  
more, but he himself <sup>was</sup> defeated by Schofield  
at Franklin, <sup>succeeded in</sup> breaking up and destroying his <sup>whole</sup>  
army <sup>upon the bayonets of</sup> ~~before~~ Thomas at Nashville. <sup>never</sup> While

Atlanta now ~~&~~ depopulated, had become  
an important center from which  
to send forth toward Grant in Virginia -  
a fully equipped completely reorganized  
conquering force. Probably no words  
uttered at this date could give our children  
an idea of the joy and the assurance of hope  
that penetrated all classes of society ~~in the North~~  
when the proclamation was made at Washington  
& echoed through the North & West "Atlanta is won" -



26)

It meant, <sup>that</sup> our glorious cause <sup>had</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>we said</sup> ~~triumphed~~ - <sup>slaves</sup> Rebellion cannot last much longer; <sup>we said</sup> Henceforth - every <sup>slave</sup> that touches our soil shall be forever free. - It spoke of the end of war, of the beginning of Peace - glimpses of which were already seen from the hill tops of Georgia. - It meant <sup>judging</sup> Emancipation to white-men as well as to ~~the~~ black - It spoke of happy homes soon to be revisited, of loved women and precious children who had long waited for such good news & whose eyes were <sup>already</sup> sparkling with delight to welcome us <sup>home</sup> ~~back~~. Yes, Yes, Atlanta was <sup>indeed</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>through</sup> a bow of promise set in the clouds, <sup>indeed</sup> ~~but~~ heavy; a bow of promise to America <sup>indeed</sup> ~~and~~ to the World. That right & justice & honor shall prevail - & God's will be done sooner or later upon the Earth. -

