DEPARTED DAYS.

Yes, dear, departed, cherished days,
Could mem'ry's hand restore
Your morning light, your evening rays
From time's gray urn once more;
Then might this restless heart be still,
This straining eye might close,
And Hope her fainting pinions fold,
While the fair lov'd phantoms rose.

But like a child in ocean's arms,
We strive against the stream;
Each moment farther from the shore
Where life's young fountains gleam;
Each moment fainter wave the fields,
And wider rolls the sea,
The mist grows dark, the sun goes down;
Day breaks, and where are we?

OTAROFF'S DAUGHTER.

"I intrust you with a sacred duty," said the general as he handed his courier a letter. "Remember, you are to stop for nothing. If you fail you will be shot, but if you succeed the Order of St. George will adorn your breast. Now go, and God be with you in all your perils."

The young courier knelt and swore to protect the life of the czar with his own, and then he pushed the curtain aside, leaving the general alone.

The evening was fair, cold and beautiful. As the general leaned from the balcony of the palace he thought what a farce this ball was when his heart was full of terror for czar and all Russia.

In the adjoining room near a marble pillar stood a young girl covered with magnificent satin and jewels. Looking at her with flashing eyes was a man of about forty, with coal black hair and cruel expression.

"Nodine, this must be your work." She shivered as he spoke, but Otaroff, the traitor, had no mercy.

"And to it at once," he said.

"What is my task?" she asked him, and again she shivered.

"Merely to throw yourself in his way, and this courier will forget the czar and all Russia."

"I doubt it," she answered.

"You must not doubt it!" he cried. "Our scheme must go through this this time, and the courier will arrive too late. You hear my beautiful daughter?"

"But, father," she said pleadingly, you have never used me as a decoy before. Oh, I beg of you not to do it now! I cannot do it. I cannot."

"Fool!" he hissed at her. "You little know your power. With your beauty you can do anything."

"You are a strange father," she said slowly, looking at him with no spark of love in her eyes, "but I may prove traitor too. What then, father?"

He bent his head and whispered in her ear: "I will shoot you, my beautiful queen, so take care. For the first time tonight I doubt you, but 'tis an insane idea. Go into the ballroom and dance an hour, then return to your house and prepared for your journey."

She went from him down the marble steps into the room beyond and never once looked back. Her heart was sad and heavy. Many noticed the beautiful woman, but wondered why her face was so tragic.

It was about 8 the next night after the ball when the courier of the czar arrived at the first post-house and asked for a change of horses.

"Stop a little?" asked the worthy postmaster.

"No," answered the courier in a tone which silenced all other questions.

"Want horses and nothing else."

The Russian looked with much admiration on this tall courier and speedily went for them. With a clap of the whip the tarantass was off, and the little Russian was alone, but not for long. Down the road he saw another tarantass coming at breakneck speed. "Ah, perhaps they will stop," he said to himself. The little man had to flee for his life, for the horses dashed on, and he only caught sight of a very beautiful face in a red hood.

A dreadful storm broke upon the night, and in the darkness a flying tarantass dashed by the one occupied by the courier. "Some one else in this dreadful storm," thought he. "God help them!" When the first dawn of day came, the rain had ceased, and they were almost past the dangers. In the middle of the road lay the figure of a woman, and the horses almost ran over her.

"She is dead!" cried the courier as he laid his hand upon her heart. "No; she lives. I cannot see a mortal die like this." So, with the help of the driver, he carried her to the tarantass and laid her gently down. there he sat, looking at the girl's pale face and wondering what he should do with her.

Suddenly she opened her large dark eyes and gazed into his face. Her wondrous beauty captivated him, and he forgot to ask her if she was hurt. He only gazed and said nothing.

"You are a courier?" she asked at length.

"No. I am captain of the Fourteenth guards. And you?"

"I am going to meet my father at Isham," she answered. Her voice was wonderfully low and sweet, and he believed all she told him.

They journeyed on together, and the time sped rapidly away.

At last they reached Isham, and the girl looked for her father, but of course he was not there. She burst into tears and would not be consoled. An officer had taken the last horses an hour before, and our hero had to wait for his own to rest.

In the meantime Nodine, for it was she, wove a subtle charm around the courier. He was not proof against the glances from her splendid half veiled eyes. Her red lips seemed to say, "Come and kiss me." Her voice, her smile seemed to make the air he breathed delightful, and his nerves thrilled with joy. How could he help love her? Seeing her in all the glory of her youth and beauty, he forgot the czar and all Russia.

They were standing beside a high rock, and with an impulse prompted by his great passion he knelt at her feet, kissing her hands madly and begging her to tell him her name.

Her poor heart beat wildly. For the first time she loved, and at the cost of her life she resolved to be true not to her oath, but to the man who knelt before her.

"Go! Flee for your life!" she cried. "My name is——nihilist!"

He started to his feet and turned to leave her in a dazed manner. A sharp report of a pistol sounded in air, and the courier of the czar fell wounded. With lightning quickness Nodine knelt beside her lover, and while smoothing back his hair with one hand with the other she stole the imperial letter and slipped it into her breast. Then she left him, for she had made up her mind that she would carry the important message to the czar herself.

After traveling day and night without food or sleep she reached the palace and delivered the letter to the czar.

"What can I do for you?" asked the czar of all Russia.

"What do you do for nihilists?" she asked him.

"We shoot them," he answered angrily.

"Then I shall be shot." She said it so calmly and deliberately that the czar looked at her in surprise.

"Nihilist or no nihilist, my child, you have saved my life, and therefore I spare yours. You may return to your home in safety."

With a cry like a hunted animal she fell at his feet.

"Don't send me back. The bullet that struck the courier was meant for me. I heard the word 'Traitress!' hissed by my own father, and if I go back he will not miss his aim again. He has sworn to kill me if I prove false to the cause, and he will keep his oath. I pray you don't send me back."

He saw her agony was genuine, and, placing his hand on her head, he said: "Rise, child. You stay here." At that moment Ivan Liveresky, the courier of the czar, dashed into the room. His clothes were covered with mud and his body weak from loss of blood.

"Thank God!" he cried when he saw the czar. "Otaroff, the traitor, is captured, has confessed all, and you are safe."

"He was my father," said Nodine softly.

The courier caught the back of a chair for support, and the czar turned to her in anger.

"Yes, do with me what you will. I am Nodine Otaroff, who despises her name, her father and, most of all, herself."

"Wait a moment," said the courier to the czar. "There is some mistake. Otaroff gave me some papers and confessed having stolen a child out of revenge from the rich Cordisky. Her name was Nodine." And Liveresky handed the documents to the czar, who in return, after glancing over them, gave them to the young girl.

"I will send a messenger to Moscow, and one who would travel night and day, without sleep or food, to deliver this letter is the noblest of Russians." So said the czar and left the room.

"You have saved my life!" the courier cried.

"And you mine," answered Nodine.

"Yet, my loved one, it is worthless without yours."

"Then, she said, with glad tears in her eyes, "I give mine for thine. I love thee, Ivan Liveresky?"

He took her in his arms and kissed her many times. When Cordisky arrived, he found he had gained a child only to lose her again, for Nodine gave her heart and hand to a young soldier decorated with the Order of St. George, given to him by the czar of all Russia.

What Credit is Based On.

Many young men beginning a business career for themselves make the mistake of supposing that financial credit is based wholly upon property or capital. They do not understand that character and reliability, combined with aptitude of one's business and a disposition to work hard, are far more important assets to have than millions of dollars. The young fellow who begins by sweeping out the store, and finally becomes a clerk, manager or superintendent by his energy and reliability of character does not usually find it difficult to secure credit to start business for himself. On the other hand, jobbing houses are not inclined to advance credit to the man who, though he may have inherited a fortune, has shown no capacity for business and is of doubtful character.

The young men who start for themselves, on a small scale, are more alert, are quicker to appreciate the chances of the market, and are more polite and willing than those with large capital.

The creditmen in jobbing houses are very quick, as a rule, to see the successful qualities in prospective buyers, and seldom make a mistake of what credit is safe to extend.—O. S. Marden.

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A Narrow Escape from a Mud-Flow.

George Carroll Curtis, who went to Martinique and St. Vincent last May for the *Century*, and who made several perilous ascents of both craters, describes in the January number of that magazine the experiences of his party. Of one hair-breadth escape he says:

As we were passing on our return over the rugged, lava-like mud-flows just above where we had forded the Seche in the morning, three sharp peals like thunder rang through the valley. We called them thunder, but there was a quality in them which I have never heard in the tempest. They were not muffled sounds, but loud and clear; yet there was an unusual character in them which seemed of terrestrial origin. I advised hastening. We were now on the brink of the river Seche, which had swollen from the trickling brook of the morning to a shin-deep rapid.

Dropping down over the loose bank, I waded quickly through, with pebbles the size of one's fist striking hard against my ankles. The turbid water was blood-warm. Joseph carried the cameras across, while Dr. Hovey brought up the rear, and I was some forty feet above on the steep river-terrace slope when I looked back at them. Rolling up over the mountain-top was a great brown, convoluting cloud. It ascended in dark, rounded masses, stately yet with great speed, thousands and thousands of twisting, worming globules, brainshaped, cauliflower-topped, dark almost to blackness. As it shot direct from the crater, this menacing shape spread out and charged toward us down the mountain-side. As the mass rose, the middle became dark brown, passed into a lighter tint, and mingled with the whitish vapor.

Running would, I realized, be useless. The eruption and its nearness held me in wonder and dread, so that I did not call to my companions below, but, waited until they had slowly labored half-way up the slope; then I shouted down, "Look at the mountain!" and scrambled to the highest point on the flat above. As I gained it in hard breath and looked back, a black thing jumped from behind a bend in the canon.

With a heavy, earthy roar, a plunging wall of blackish stuff hurled itself with fearful speed against the side of the ravine, bounded to the opposite slope, and tore it down. It rocked from side to side as a heavy freight-train; it jumped and staggered; it lashed, struck down, and tore away the earth like paper. With boulders borne high in its seething mass, this cataract of earth and water battered and stormed the valley. The ground shook hard; there was a solid, deafening roar; and the earthquake about us was continual.

We saw the banks melt away as in a nightmare; sand, pebbles, and masses of rock flew into the air before the resistless onslaught, and fell into the raging flood and were borne away like chaff. The stream, which had been but ankle-deep when we crossed two minutes before, was now a black mob of struggling, fighting waters, with a charging front of mud and rocks from ten to fifteen feet high. It came in mighty cataclysmic impulses, and leaped apon the canon-banks, dashing in waves twenty feet above the flowing surface. We could feel the shock of the pondering mass plowing through the ground, as when a train at heavy speed grinds the rails. Looking down in wonder, awe, perhaps fright, not one of us had spoken a word.

The Pensioner's Paradise.

From Edinburgh Scotsman.

United States war pensioners now number over 1,000,000. They received over £30,000,000 during the last fiscal year. Of the quarter million applications for pensions or increases made during the year 118,000 were rejected.

The Civil War, which ended 40 years ago, has cost the country in pensions £500,000,000, while £600,000,000 is the amount expended for war pensions since the United States became a nation 113 years ago.

There are already 3,000 pensioners on account uf the Spanish War four years ago. From one volunteer company of 100 persons which never saw active service in that war—never, in fact, left the United States—80 applications for pensions have been received.

Optimists find consolation in one item of the Commissioner's report—the last surviving pensioner of the war of 1776 died during the year. This proves that if the United States has no more wars, a couple of centuries or so will see the end of this astounding drain on national resources.

A whole lot of people who are especially careful about their physical health rush into moral contamination with their eyes wide open.

The spinster may boast of belonging to an old family and still be sensitive about her own age.

A Plea for the Boy.

Some farmers seem to thimk all a boy is good for is to run errands, do chores about the house and barn, and if there is a disagreeable job to be done the boy is sure to have a hand in it. If something at a neighbor's two or three miles away is wanted, the boy is sent for it and instructed to hustle, for there is another job awaiting his return. If the boy asks a day off to go fishing or attend a ball game, or circus, he is called lazy and no account, and if he gets his day off he doesn't half enjoy it for thinking of the unpleasant time he had before going. Is it any wonder boys leave the farm at the first opportunity? The trouble is most men forget they were boys themselves, and I guess some of them never were. Boys should be taught to work and to take an interest in their work by sharing in the profits; but they will work better and be more contented if they can have their liberity at times to do just as they are a mind to. Be kind to the boys and remember they are human.

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Mt. Hope		8.47	10.42	4.48	6.45	1 05	3.02
Pikesville		8.53	10.49	4.54	6.55	10.10	3.19
Owings Mills		9.02	11.00	5.03	7.05	10.21	3 21
Glyndon	5.11	9.13	11.14	5.14	7.15	10.32	3 34
Emory Grove		9.14	11.15		7.16	10.34	3.35
Finksburg		9 22	11.20	5.22	7.25	10.40	3.47
Carrollton		9.26	11.28		7.37	10 29	4.00
Westminster	5.40	9.51	11.58	5.44	7.52	11.16	4.16
Avondale		9.58	12.00		7.59	11.20	4.16
New Windsor	5.53	10.06	12.10	6.02	8.08	11.34	4.28
Linwood		10.14	12.16	6.07	8.13	11.40	4.35
Union Bridge	6 00	10.20	12.20	6.12	8.17	11.45	4.38
Middleburg		10.29	P M.	6.18	P M	A M.	P M.
Bruceville	6.07	10.38		6.22			
D. F. Creek		10.32		6 6			
Rocky Ridge		10.39		6.24			
Thurmont	6.25	10.51		6.46			
Edgemont	7.05	11.37		7.33			
Waynesboro	17.22	11.51		7.42			
Chambersb'g	17.57	12.34		8 28			
Shippensburg		1.00		8.55			
Hagerstown	7.30	12.05		8.00			
Williamsport							
	A M.	P M.		P M.			

TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22. P M	4. A.M. †	8. A.M. †	12. P M. †	18. P M. †	52 A.M ‡	4. P M. ‡
Williamsport							
Hagerstown	4.12		7.02		2.10		
Shippensburg	12.55		6.00				
Chambersburg	13.30		6.28		1.45		
Waynesboro	14.10		7.01		2.19		
Edgemont	4.40		7.35		3 41		
Thurmont	5.17		8.16		3.21		
Rocky Ridge	5.26		8.16		3.21		
D. F. Creek			8.33		3.38		
Bruceville	5.38		8.37		3.44		
Middleburg			8.46		3.46		
Union Bridge	5.45	6.25	8.49	12.55	3.53	6.45	4.05
Linwood		6.30	8.49	12.59	3.59	6.50	4.09
New Windsor	5.53	6.37	8.54	1.04	4 04	6 58	4.15
Avondale		6.50		1.13	4.14	7.11	4.26
Westminster	6 07	7.00	9.09	1.19	4.20	7.20	4.34
Carrollton		7.15	9.14	1.22	4.24	7.25	4 40
Finksburg		7.25	9.25	1.42	4.44	7.53	5 02
Emory Grove		7.34		1.50	4 52	8.02	5.14
Glyndon		7.41	9.42	1.51	4.53	8.07	5.15
Owings Mills		7.53	9 57	2.01	5.06	8.20	5.27
Pikesville		8.04	10.06	2.10	5.14	8 29	5.36
Mt. Hope		8.11	10.16	2.17	5.21	8.3	5.4
Arlington	7.17	8.14		2.19	5.24	8.42	5.49
Baltimore		8.38	10.37	2.-0	5 43	9.07	6.15
Washington							
Philadelphia	P.M.						
New York		AM	A M	P M.	P M	A M	

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

Accomodation train No. 2, going East, leaves Union Bridge, daily except Sunday, at 5.25 A. M., Linwood 5.29, New Windsor 5.38, Avondale 5.56, Westminster 6.05, Carrollton 6.20, Finksburg 6.32 Glen Falls 6.34, arriving at Baltimore at 7.42 A. M.

Accomodation train No. 17, going West, leaves Baltimore, daily except Sunday, at 2.25 P M., Glen Falls 3.30, Finksburg 3.32, Carrollton 3 45, Westminster 4.03, Avondale 4.14, New Windsor 4.26, Linwood 4.33 Union Bridge, 4.38 P. M.

Passengers for and from Cherry Run, North Williamsport, and Intermediate points, from and for stations east of Hagerstown, change at Hagerstown.

EMMITSBURG R. R. Trains East will leave Emmitsburg daily, except Sundays, at 1.50 and 10.00 A. M. and 2.55 and 4.50 P. M., arriving Rocky Ridge at 8.20 and 10.30 A. M. and 3.35 and 5 20 P. M. Trains west will leave Rocky Ridge, daily, except Sundays, at 8.36 and 10.39 A. M. and 3.51 and 5.34 P. M., arriving at Emmitsburg 8.56 and 11.09 A. M. and 4.01 and 7.04 P. M.

FREDERICK DIVISION PENNSYLVANIA R. R., (Daily ex. Sunday.)—Trains for Frederick leave Bruceville at 8.38 A. M. and 9.56 and 10.40 A. M. and 4.45 and 6.30 P. M. Trains for Taneytown, Littlestown and Columbia leave Bruceville 9.47 A. M., and at 3.45 P. M.

Through Trains for Hanover and Gettysburg and points on Baltimore and Harrisburg Division leave Baltimore daily, except Sunday, at 7.25 A. M. and 3.32 P. M. Through cars for Gettysburg and intermediate points leave Baltimore also daily, except Sunday, at 10.12 A. M.

BALTIMORE & CUMBERLAND VALLEY BRANCH.—Trains leave Hagerstown for Shippensburg and intermediate Stations at 11.05 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Leave Shippensburg for Hagerstown and Intermediate Stations at 6.00 a. m., and and 2.55 p. m.

FOR CHAMBERSBURG VIA ALTENWALD CUT-OFF.—Leave Hagerstown for Chambersburg and Intermediate Stations at 3.20 p. m. Leave Chambersburg for Hagerstown and Intermediate Stations at 7.40 p. m.

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