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J. D. BACCHUS,
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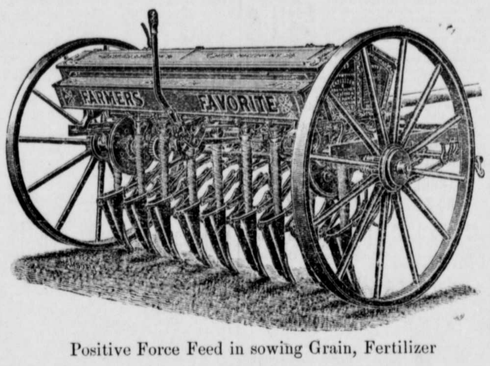

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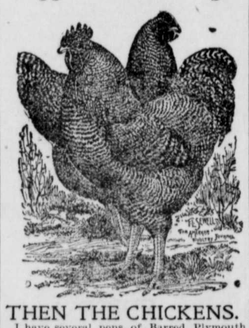

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BALLAD OF THE SASSAFRAS RIVER.

Kitty Knight in Song.

BY ROSALIE MITCHELL SCHUYLER

The beautiful river Sassafras
Flows onward in its pride,
Between the level fields of Kent
And Cecil rolling wide.

Fair river, on thy sunny banks
Peach orchards spread their bloom,
Where red men once chased fallow deer
Beneath the harvest moon.

Along the creeks and reedy swamps,
Where stately cat-tails grow,
The furry muskrat makes his home,
And lazily caws the crow.

The wild ducks seek their feeding place
Far from the haunts of men—
The water snipe struts proudly free
Along the marshy fen.

Fish hawks, alert upon their nests,
High up a gnarled old tree,
Watch, dip, and plunge—a wriggling perch
Is caught successfully.

On sunny days, or stormy days,
Swash, swash against thy shore
The tide-waves lap the loose sea-weed
Or beat with angry roar.

There was a time, there was a time—
Full four-score years gone by,
When on these peaceful banks was heard
The sound of musketry.

When quiet Georgetown on the hill,
And Fredricktown below,
Were menaced by a British fleet,
A reckless, dreaded foe.

When loyal sons of Kent arose,
A gallant little band,
While Cecil, to repel the foes,
Stretched forth a helping hand.

Then valor struggled hard against
The soldiers of the crown,
But Cockburn sent his shot and shell
Upon the helpless town.

Destruction grim, and ruin then,
Seemed wrangling in the air,
And every heart was beating fast
With terror and despair.

When suddenly a kerchief white,
Waved o'er the smoking streets
The cruel guns a moment ceased
Aboard the British fleet.

A maiden fair, with courage bold,
With spirit pure and high,
Displayed her flag of truce, and all
For poor humanity.

She feared not shell, nor British guns,
Nor soldier of the king—
Her kerchief waved above the smoke,
Her voice aloud did ring.

"Not for myself I speak," she said,
"Though all my lands are lost,
But for two orphan children,
Whose lives are tempest-tossed."

"Spare them their little homes I plead,"
Her eyes were sparkling bright;
They rested on the admiral,
And—well!! they stopped the fight.

Tradition sings a sweet old song,
A song of long ago,
That Kitty Knight, of Georgetown,
Struck then a fatal blow.

An officer was vanquished,
Not by the battery's raid,
But by a dart of Cupid
Shot by a fearless maid.

The British fleet has sailed away,
Adown the shadowy past;
Now, only memories drift along
The lovely Sassafras—

Or sea gulls dip their snowy wings
When summer suns are near,
Or winter sends the wild goose out
Her weird wild messenger.

Along the winding Sassafras,
Haw—unk, Haw—unk comes the song
Above, mid trackless starlit space,
The echoes float along.

A LONG CARRIAGE TRIP.

Rev. S. S Hepbron and His Wife Drive From Hanover City, Virginia, to Maryland.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In these days of rapid transit with the palace car and sleeper, a long journey in one's private conveyance has become a thing of the past, except in the experience of a very few people. Having a passion for such experiences, the writer determined to drive from Hanover county, Virginia, to Baltimore. The next thing to forming a determination is to carry it into effect. This latter I proceeded to do during the past month. Having my team and buggy in good condition, I, together with my travelling companion, (who twenty-eight years ago had promised to stand by me through thick and thin, and to take what was to come in life, whether "for better or for worse,") left my southern home on the long-talked-of trip. It was at an early hour on Monday, the sixth of August, that we began the long journey.

Great interest had been manifested in our undertaking, and some of the comments were not very favorable to my good sense. One said, "Have you not bit off more than you can chew;" another, "I would not take that drive for anything." I said, "Our fathers used to travel that way all the time and why may not we?" "They were better people than we are," was the reply. To this I answered "I do not acknowledge that my father was a better man than I am physically. He traveled for fifteen hundred miles with his whole family in that way, and was many weeks on the road, surely I can endure it for three days." These comments only served as a stimulant and made the trip all the more attractive. To do something out of the ordinary run, to accomplish something from which others shrink, is always attractive to some natures, to me it is especially so.

Doswell Station (better known as Hanover Junction) is twenty-four miles from the city of Richmond. Hanover Academy, the point from which we started, is three and a half miles from Doswell and about twenty-two miles from Richmond. At twenty minutes to five A. M. on Monday, the sixth, we drove out of the Academy yard and began our long tramp. The morning was fine after recent rains, and the weather cool, giving promise of a pleasant day. Five miles took us over the North Anna into Caroline county. Our road was the old stage route from Fredricksburg to Richmond, and that traveled by many dignitaries in time past. It is now much over grown, and where badly washed, mended by going out into the woods around impassable places. Golourville, (two stores and a post-office) was the first place reached. We arrived here about 7.30 o'clock. The next point for which we began to inquire was Mud Tavern, why so called, I could not learn, except as suggested by one of whom we made the inquiry, "It is the muddiest place you ever saw, in the winter time." Between Golourville and Mud Tavern we stopped by the roadside to feed and lunch; while the horses were being attended to, a gum blanket was spread on the ground, a table cloth on this and the contents of the lunch basket brought to light. The early drive, the quiet silvan surroundings, and above all the broiled squab, fried chicken, nice bread and butter, which had been so neatly spread, proved most enticing, and the cravings of the inner man were soon satisfied. One hour and a quarter was allowed for this halt and we were soon under way for Fredricksburg. The drive was most of the way through woods, with road well trimmed in and shady. Few open fields lie on the road, and we were impressed by the scarcity of residences in sight. Here and there one came into view, but only two or three attractive places. The Virginians do not build close to the public high-ways and this accounts for the apparent scarcity of population. Nearing Fredricksburg, we came to a more open country and better cultivated farms. Our route lay across the head-waters of the Pamunkey and Mattaponi rivers. The North Anna, which feeds the Pamunkey, is bridged, as is also the La. and the Ni., but the others are not. We struck them at low water when they are innocent streams. In time of freshet they are angry torrents, and woe be unto him who is rash enough to wade in. Outside of Fredricksburg at about 2 P. M. we halted under the trees of an old burnt building, (with its lonely chimney and abandoned well) for our second lunch. Having covered about thirty-five miles, our horses were willing enough to stop and so were we. A fair equestrian, without shoes, came by on a bare-backed horse, with meal bag in front of her. She halted; desiring water for my team, I began to question her as to where I could get it. "At my house, right there," she answered. The place was about one hundred yards away. She then proposed to come and take them to water, and when I objected said, "Maybe a woman never backed them." I hinted, it might be dangerous and I would bring them myself. We had struck a character, and she was not so readily gotten rid of. The lunch looked attractive to her, and riding up close, she asked for some bread. A slice was buttered and cut for her, but I noticed a little act of womanly tact on the part of my fair companion. A nice sponge cake was lying in full view, and this I do not doubt, had been the attractive feature in the lunch. It was deftly covered with a napkin when the loaf of bread was reached for, and thus the temptation was placed out of sight. It was a long distance to our journey's end. That cake was the gift of a kind friend, and there were several good lunches to be had from it. It was an act of caution to put it out of sight.

The drive to Fredricksburg is most interesting, as it lies right over historic ground. Great and daring deeds had been performed on this very road. An invading army had been met and beaten back, and the soil around here had been drenched with the blood of men who on both sides thought they were fighting for the right. We regretted very much that we did not have some one to point out the places of interest to us. We could only be filled with thrilling thoughts as we rode along, and in fancy picture the contending forces of thirty-five years ago. The old town of Fredricksburg is itself a wonderfully interesting place, and most intimately connected with the past history of our country. We were merely passers through. We halted long enough to visit the shoe factory of Mr. Vivian Flemming. I had met this genial gentleman at the home of his brother (who is a parishioner) and he had said, "If you ever come to Fredricksburg come to the factory and you shall have a pair of shoes." I said, "I will do so with pleasure." I have been in the old town twice in my life, and the chance to get those shoes seemed rather slim. Now was my opportunity, but it required cheek, and of this I haven't a great supply. If Mr. F. was in town it was plain sailing. He was absent, and so I approached his manager, told him who I was and the promise that had been made. It was all right, and I was soon in possession of a pair of nice shoes.

Refreshing ourselves at a soda fountain, we departed from the old burg on our way to Stafford Court House thirteen miles away. Crossing the Rappahannock at Falmouth, we struck out boldly for night quarters. There had been a heavy fall of rain on Saturday, and we found the road (a bad one at best) in a fearfully washed condition. This road is supposed to have followed an old Indian trail which ran across the country, so as to head all the streams. These run south and the road east, and lies directly across the steepest hills, which have never been graded, so it is up and down almost impassable hills, hard to climb and worse to descend. Our level-country horses soon began to object to this suddenly alternate position of harness, especially the holding-back process, which was something new in their experience. But they behaved decently and stood to their work. By carefully handling them we were safely landed at Stafford, C. H., at sundown, having made about fifty miles our first day. We found here comfortable quarters for the night.

This place has recently risen to notoriety. Near here is Brooke station on the R. F. & T. road, where five years ago was the most noted railroad hold-up in the east. Morgan and Searsy boarded the north-bound train and boldly holding up the crew, robbed the express car and made their escape. They were afterward caught and the trial took place at Stafford Court House. They were condemned and are now serving out a term in the penitentiary. Our host was clerk of the county, and he gave me a very graphic account of them as a pair of daring desperadoes, of whom Morgan was the worst.

We received such bad reports of the condition of the roads from here to Dumfries, in Prince William county, that my companion was induced (for the horses sake) to board the train at Brooke the next morning and meet me in Alexandria. At an early hour I was under way, and by sunup was banging at the door of a Mr. Moncure, about four miles away. After considerable difficulty he was aroused from his morning nap and came to inquire my wants, apologizing when he found a gentleman instead of a tramp. He lives not far from Acquire Creek run, where is a notedly dangerous crossing, and I had promised faithfully not to attempt the run without his direction. A friend of mine in moving from Maryland to Virginia, had his horses drowned at this place, and I did not want a similar experience. I was assured it was safe to cross in the then condition of the creek, and so I ventured with some trepidation, I must confess. When I came to the crossing I found that my road lay down the run for several hundred yards (there were many evidences of recently high water) and then across and down again, for several hundred yards before turning off for high ground. It is an ugly place, and most dangerous in high water. I was relieved to be over this difficulty. From here to Dumfries the road is simply awful, but I made it in

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