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New York Letter to Baltimore American.

People have often wondered that a man of Mr. Tilden's vast wealth, domestic tastes, and political prominence remained a bachelor all his life. Rumor has it that during his college days at the New York university he met and loved the daughter of one of the leading democratic statesmen of that time. She was a beautiful girl, charming alike in the graces of her person and in her intellectuality. Her beauty and wit attracted many suitors, but Mr. Tilden's culture and rare qualities of mind captivated her. He was a brilliant conversationalist and had lofty aspirations, and the evidence of his ability to achieve prominence were marked that the beautiful girl pledged her heart and fortunes to his keeping. They were engaged to be married in the spring of 1847, the year after Mr. Tilden had become a member of the State legislature. She accompanied her father to Washington, where he went to spend the winter of that year in looking after government matters in which he was interested. While there she was a great favorite in society and entered heartily into all its pleasures. In the month of March she was stricken with brain-fever, which left her a hopeless imbecile.

Not many years ago he formed an attachment for a daughter of the late Prof. S. F. B. Morse and offered her his heart and hand. The lady did not look with favor on his suit, although the advantages of the connection were so great and it was so warmly advocated by her own family. Mr. Tilden's proposal was twice declined. But his want of success made no difference in the friendly feelings of the parties concerned, and when, shortly afterward, Miss Leila Morse married Mr. Franz Rummel, the well known pianist, one of the wedding presents was a \$1,000 check from Mr. Tilden.

Astride of a Belching Gun.

We were riding with Captain Carlton the other day, and asked him if Jimmie Dillard of Oglethorpe did not belong to the Troupe artillery. "Yes, a braver or better soldier did not enter the confederate service. He was a mere stripling when he joined my company, but he was as cool and collected in battle as one of Napoleon's old guard. You know, Jimmie Dillard was raised a very pious boy, and he led in the army as devout a life as were he at home, but he could face death with the same calm demeanor as he could enter a church.

"Gettysburg was the hottest place I was ever in, and my battery bore a conspicuous part in the great fight. At one time we were left in a most trying position, exposed to a cross fire, and my men and horses were mowed down like grain in a harvest field. It was at this juncture that an English officer, who had been sent here by his government to watch the American war, rode by in a hasty retreat out of danger. As he passed my battery there sat astride one of my guns, facing the enemy and defiantly waving a tattered flag Jimmie Dillard, and he was so youthful a soldier and so cool and unconcerned that the English officer, struck with admiration at such gallantry, halted and asked the little fellow if he was not afraid of being killed.

"O, no," was the reply, "Mars Bob Lee ordered me here, and I'm not afraid to go anywhere he says." "In his report to the war department at home he mentioned this incident and commented upon it. It was taken up by the press and created considerable discussion. Generals Longstreet, Hampton and other confederate officers, after the war, were preparing a history of certain battles and located this incident in Haskell's battery. I at once wrote to them and had it corrected, as the young hero was authentically traced to Jimmie Dillard."

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When the fingers of a person who is supposed to be dead are fully extended, but kept near together, and it placed in front of a candle light in a dark room, a peculiar bright color, due to the capillary circulation, will be visible where the fingers touch each other, if there is any life left.

The other is based upon the well known fact that the muscles of a human being will never respond for longer time to the strongest electrical current than for one hour and a half after death; while as long as life lasts, may its evidence be ever so little, the contractility of the muscles, if not affected by some forms of paralysis—and in cases thus affected, when death seems to occur, it always is real—remains.—Medical and Surgical Reporter.

A boy should thank God for being so fortunate as to be born and raised on a farm. There is no place on this green earth so well adapted to perfectly develop the mind, muscle and manhood as a farm. There a boy has the purest air, the freshest and healthiest food, plenty of unrestricted exercise, the brightest sunshine and soundest sleep—the very conditions necessary for the highest development. Nine-tenths of men who have made their mark in any business, profession or pursuits have been born and raised on a farm. This is not because there is better blood on a farm, but because the surroundings of a farm life are better calculated to call out what there is in a boy and develop a full grown, healthy, perfect, self-reliant man.—Ex.

Planning a Trip for His Mother-in-law.

"I wouldn't think of going by the lake route at this season of the year," said a railroad agent, addressing a man who was figuring on the expenses of an eastern trip.

"Why? Is it disagreeable?" queried the man.

"It is not only disagreeable, but it is really dangerous. There are a great many storms now, and a storm on the lake now is a very serious affair. I would not go myself."

"Do many boats go down?"

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"Well, I guess I'll buy tickets via the lakes—"

"You surely are not going—"

"O, no; I'm not going at all. I'm planning a trip for my mother-in-law."

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