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but little interest in their conversation, for I had every within my own borom to occupy all my space mounts I thought of of doline. But not like those who wack their brain To find a penny wath of wit: For if I wished my lady's heart to gain With wit to purchase without po I might the secret prize obtaining But if I gain without one hit Of Bufied's pointed don't Without protracted smart I would not give one penny for theest My thoughts were all intent whom Adaline an our concerted elopement I had left her that men ming in a stronge dilemma; under the high censure and displane of her tyrout fether, and -without one friend who would done to vinducte cause before him " The recollection of what passed a few days previous between from and his lady on my account you me much pain because I soul me nearon to expect a new illation between them I considered her much abied and deep by injured without any course or provocation, then men her saying she had nothing against me , The had commenced a railing lettere when Adalise when I entered the noon, in which his wife took no part except in saying she had nothing against to clock, Prior to this I had never suspected him as having even a prejudice whatever against me I had always been introvated with his whop, books many and several times with large some of cash to Albony and Newyork, and my puntualty and ever secured his praise and confidence in the soon as Mrs. Shongdon mantion were his letter

but little interest in their conversation, for I had enough Ol within my own bosom to occupy all my spare moments

I thought of Adaline.

But not like those who crack their brain To find a penny's worth of wit: For if I wished my lady's heart to gain

With wit to purchase without pain I might the sacred prize obtain ..

But if I gain without one hit

Of Cupid's pointed dart

Without protracted smart

I would not give one penny for

My thoughts were all intent upon Adaline and our concented elopement. I had left her that morning in a strange dilemma: under the high censure and displeasure of her tyrant father, and without one friend who would dare to vindicate her cause before him .. The recollection of what passed a few days previous between #/////

his lady on my account gave me much pain because I saw no reason to expect a reconciliation between them T I considered her much abused and deeply injured without any cause or provocation, than merely her saying she had nothing against me. * He had commenced a railing lecture upon Adaline when

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was windream from Idaline and tuned upon May Charaden in tramenday feels of carring, miling and lite. trongs. I began to surgest that the time cause of his ill he mone was avaine; for several times during the season part he recommended in the most flittening manner, for me to go to New tolcoms and set of a small where of goods which he seemed to warrant would in a short time make me a wealthy man I always objected to this, on the ground that Claubolians was very fetal to Northern emigrants and that I intended to sattle in blimband, It him a young and flowing village . Sime this nepture in the Lamily winds Jases constrained to believe he was fully bent on getting six of me at all hezerds; and that too in a manner which should compel me to show him and Chulenitin wise . the tainly from some mysteriers cause, I had herm most odieus in his sight, nor weld I believe that he dreaded me as a vival in mercantile burings, since I was in me way properly of a capital sufficient to even make that hamble beginning in New boleans which he had infeatedly recommended me to de Howen I had now forced in him , we believing that time would annound the great mystery of his character and conduct which to me and some others, seemed wrapped up in impenetroble dankness There things puzzled my head severyly; but then I had called on coldeline from the street. in the dead of might! Here might she be now ! and who her friend? Distraction grinned whom me for a me ment and I thrught of myself. Take come of yourself. cried the mean at the helm, for he had diremend their I was in complete reverye It had the dering effect, for I looked up and observed we were just putting into the handows of Thoron - And what of Huron? 31 me 4 was a faint and ghatty shows of that home I had left under commentances so painful, I could only suppose it was fitted up for just such whappy beings as myself, for my whole mental harizon was belonded with gloom, whis way so we I turned my en. Is were evere to wrive,

01 was withdrawn from Adaline and turned upon Mrs. Choryden in tremendous peals of cursing, railing and bitterness. I began to suspect that the true cause of his ill humour was avarice: for several times during the season past recommended in the most flattering manner, for me to go to New Orleans and set up a small store of goods which he seemed to warrent, would in a short time make me a wealthy man. I always objected to this, on the ground that Neworleans was very fatal to Northern emigrants and that 10 I intended to settle in Cleveland, it being a young and flourishing village.. Since this rupture in the family circle I was constrained to believe he was fully bent on getting rid of me at all hazards; and that too in a manner which should compel me to shun him and Cleveland likewise .. Certainly from some mysterious cause, I had become most odious in his sight, nor could I believe that he dreaded me as a rival in mercantile business, since I was in no way possessed of a capitol sufficient to even make that humble beginning in New Orleans which he had repeatedly recommended me to down However I 20 had now forsaken him now, believing that time would unravel the great mystery of his character and conduct which to me and some others, seemed wrapped up in impenetrable darkness... These things puzzled my head severely: but then I had called on Adaline from the street in the dead of night! Where might she be now! and who her friend? Distraction grinned upon me for a moment and I thought of myself .. "Take care of yourself ... cried the man at the helm, for he had discovered that I was in complete revery. It had the desired effect, for 30 I looked up and observed we were just putting into the harbour of Huron -- And what of Huron? To me it was a faint and ghostly shadow of that home I had left under circumstances so painful, I could only suppose it was fitted up for just such unhappy beings as myself, for my whole mental horizon was beclouded with gloom, which way soever I turned my eye. However averse to conver

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sation I had been I now ditionined, for the preservation! I my senses, to get into my own element, and tothe the help of a certain persong, who I had noticed wer a sociable, intelligent and somewhat murical old gentlemen; try the efficiency of cheeful conversation; I you him the hear of discourse, and soon hound that although young at the commence of the revolutionary van he liqued largely in that drama and his honored his grey hairs in feats of browny in the second struggle with Bithit four The history of almost every fublic institution in the amited States and every ant of Congress from the first setting under Wachington's administrate down to the prevent time were as familiar to him as the Old Catibine was to the printers; and I soon found myself quite cheerful and happy in the con pains of General Downer . Having no bering at The iron, we both remained on board the boot and hepe up the conservation till bed time. In the course of his I thought he gave me occasion to surport he had for merly been acquainted with Changes , but defend all inquiries till another morning, for it was high time to seek that quest refere so essential to enimal & intellectual matures. I told the general that I should such him in the morning for I had some questions of importance I wished to ask; questions of deep interest to miguel and perhaps to some others; -We noticed and I thought I fest quite composed But relinement and next in a numbling iteom. boot are none enjoyments. In vain I tried the sweets of sleep In vain Istore my thoughts to feek Tobe lake in swiling billows framed · My mind of the subjets wound Elthought of attaline for only she Could have one thought to fity me To juty me i of sotion spech

sation I had been, I now determined, for the preservation of my senses, to get into my own element, and by with the help of a certain passenger: who I had noticed was a sociable, intelligent and somewhat musical old gentleman: try the efficacy of cheerful conversation:

I gave him the best of discourse, and soon found that although young at the commence of the revolutionary war he figured largely in that drama and had honored his gery hairs in feats of bravery in the second struggle with British power .-- The history of almost every public institution in the United States and every act of Congress from the first sitting under Washington's administration down to the present time, were as familiar to him as the Old Catichism was to the Puritans: and I soon found myself quite cheerful and happy in the company of General Towner_.. Having no business at Huron, we both remained on board the boat and kept up the conversation till bed time. In the course of his narration, which was frequently an account of himself I thought he gave me occasion to suspect he had formerly been acquainted with Choryden, but defered all inquiries till another morning, for it was high time to seek that quiet repose so essential to animal & intellectual natures. I told the general that I should seek him in the morning for I had some questions of importance I wished to ask: questions of deep interest to myself and perhaps to some others:-

We retired and I thought I felt quite composed.

But retirement and rest in a rumbling steamboat are rare enjoyments.

In vain I tried the sweets of sleep
In vain I strove my thoughts to keep
The lake in swelling billows foamed
My mind of other subjects roamed
I thought of Adaline for only she
Could have one thought to pity me
To pity me: () speech

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To just one so out of reach -Oh! where was I the might before of the his whom now my thoughts adore? Her image still keeps having round And whois still the enchanting soons Gome young Bhilands come away And show this menter tyrants sway. I' said to myself, Where are all these charms that have led me into this dilemma? I have plighted as very . I have made is engagements for life . But has she not reason to expect something more then, usual formalities of foremelship from me? It as not the notine of our acquaintance something in it ilmand ing more their a sweet remembrance of some pritty. girl we have seen once or twice in the course of on life I lett that something had the Letter of me which wer not carrily to be disposed of a I felt in addition to sell reproach, her own imprecations on my head for the, bearing her so aboutty, when she expected to accome jury me from that home now made horrible by the recent dictirbance Between two and three bilak now. ever I persuaded myself that Adaline with he un summer forms of reason had gone to sleep with a rich parden upon her life which would be well the first time we should meet a I round to sleep and sleft with bearful speed - Juli fiften harts as how For see me had bett my eyes her down Then nottling with his hurrise peals The hell disturbed my peace Ande I was called to breakfast. I hew around in haste and with stight proparation sat down by the side of Got vower . In a very jour las manner he introduced me to the company as his sen-in-law; In return for which I could do me Sifs the call him father . - Well : Well, my son said he you late return to couch, mathinks is a same induction that you have either driver or conquered the enemy, land

To pity one so out of reach——

Oh: where was I hat/full one night before

With her whom now my thoughts adore!

Her image still keeps hovering round

And echoes still the enchanting sound

Come young Philander come away

And shun this monster tyrants sway.

I said to myself, Whose are all these charms that

have led me into this dilemma? I have plighted no vows.. I have made no engagements for life... she not reason to expect something more than formalities of friendship from me? Has not the nature of our acquaintance something in it demand ing more than a sweet remembrance of some pretty girl we have seen once or twice in the course of our life I felt that something had the better of me which was not easily to be disposed of ... I felt, in addition to selfreproach, her own imprecations on my head for thus leaving her so abruptly, when she expected to accompany me from that home now made horrible by the recent disturbance. Between two and three O'clock however I persuaded myself that Adaline with her uncommon powers of reason had gone to sleep with a rich pardon upon her lips which would be sealed the first time we should meet ... I went to sleep and slept with fearful ispeed. Full fifteen knots an hour For scarce had both my eyes been closed When rattling with his hurried peals

I flew around in haste and with slight preparation sat down by the side of Gen. Towner. In a very jocular manner he introduced me to the company as his son-in-law: In return for which I could do no less than call him father.— "Well: Well, my son" said he "your late return to camp, methinks is a sure indication that you have either driven or conquered the enemy, for a

The bell disturbed my peace

And I was called to breakfast. ----

retreat would have brought you here sooner ... I then hed him for the jobs and remarks that an old gen eval must have sentimes experienced the heartest of a retreat if it were nothing more than a good breakfast, As our best was now lying in the horten of Delitet time servination nectionally toward aponithe wint settlement of the place by the French, it's subsequent greats under the American government and it's forest ilterishing watition . offer breakfast we tretired into a forinite calin and resumed the conventito of the preceding day . -I requested him to give me the history if Major Mi Fadin to whom he report the day before with such licking reguet, lor I thrught I anticipated some intent in the diedown of his character. He heritated to comply, and jimaly withing refused intil I world inform him wherein I would be so solicitous about a man whom I had never seen, was before heard of. I observed that I suspected I have him, his by another mance; and world afrance him I would keep nothing hack that night interest him, for from his remarks to day before I was certain the Misjor had either died in a very observe and private manner, or had change his man the little of which was the most probable _ I thought from his myetinions character, he must be the is dentical merchant from when I had just escaped with the whim of my tests, Mr. Changlan - This had the derind pand the General proceeded. Going man' said he to is with feelings of the qualit derice of that I allem to to make & important a disclorum to a write whose experience in the great troubles of like must be very limited ; get at your age, you seem to be involved in some fre flighting and as to any thing I can divine, we may tall be sulliving from the same common energy Trem con hints and the apparent state of your mind I am hed to be lieve that you are acquainted with Many Ill spreadon and that you also are involved in serious diffe. willing with him; This suspensor tir, is all that I would to me to day what I new undestake to say . }

retreat would have brought you here sconer. I thanked him for the joke and remarked that an old general must have sometimes experienced the benefit of a retreat if it were nothing more than a good breakfast.

As our boat was now lying in the harbour of Detroit the conversation naturally turned upon the first settlement of the place by the French, its subsequent growth under the American government and its present flourishing con-After breakfast we retired into a private cabin and resumed the conversation of the preceeding day. 10 I requested him to give me the history of Major McPhelon to whom he referred the day before with such feeling regret, for I thought I anticipated some interest in the disclosure of his character. He hesitated to comply, and finally utterly refused until I would inform him wherein I could be so solicitous about a man whom I had never seen, nor before heard of .. I observed that I suspected I knew him, but by another name: and would assure him I would keep nothing back that might interest him, for from his remarks the day before I was certain the Major had either died in a 20 very obscure and private manner, or had changed his name, the latter of which was the most probable .---- I thought from his mysterious character, he must be the Identical merchant from whom I had just escaped with the skin of my teeth, Mr. Choryden --- This had the desired and the General proceeded. "Young man" said he "it is with feelings of the greatest delicacy that I attempt to make so important a disclosure to a youth whose experience in the great troubles of life must be very limited: yet at your age, you seem to be involved in some perplexities: and as to any thing I can divine, we may both be suffering from the same common enemy. From your hints and the apparent state of your mind, I am led to be lieve that you are acquainted with Major McPhelon and that you also are involved in serious difficulties with him: This suspicion Sir, is all that

prompts me to say what I now undertake to say:

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it spit is me planten I am safe enough; if not Som in jerfandy from making this distorie; unless you are are as time to me as the veterans of secunty sig". I told him to proved, Maj. M. Whelow and myself became intimate laineds at the close of the revolationing war, ite was an enter langing going man, possessing quite a latent intrade and speculation. Having commence with a very sound cast that he soon acquired a sufficiency to afford himself and his wife a respectable support. After stringgling "two or three years against wind and title, and having made but small advancement towards wealth; he proposed a featmenship with me, oflening me this thinks of the profits if I would fut in two thousand dollars in the course of two years . The proposal was accepted and the stock entired to or many years he profund very well and remained homest my farm continued to support me; and yearly I was enclied to add considerably to my stock in the necessatile burings - My wifes health seemed to decline and I sent her home to england intofer be lieving she might get newer, have the voyage and a drange of climate " But fatal to my happings here? soon received the intelligence of her death. She lift me one child, a beautiful fittle firstling girl, eighten months old As the Major had is child, he with his usual probefrious of hindreds, offered to receive my date as his own the thought his wife would extern it a piecosent favour We consulted her upon the subject and found no objections, if I would bestow apor her a thousand dollars as a marriage portion Although this was an early call for contingent donations, I granted it cheerfully and a bargain was concluded; they became the adopted froments of my child. For a long time I was quite discoursolate and short much time at the whop, and frequent; by on idie hour at the house, dendling my little scriptione whom my kness I soon found that my

If it is McPhelon; I am safe enough: if not, I am in jeopardy from making this disclosure: unless you are are as true to me as the veterans of seventy six." I told him to proceed," "Maj. McPhelon and myself became intimate friends at the close of the revolutionary war. He was an enterprizing young man, possessing quite a talent for trade and speculation. Having commenced with a very small capital he soon acquired a sufficiency to afford himself and his wife a respectable support. After struggling two or three years against wind and tide, and having made but small advancement towards wealth; he proposed a partnership, with me, offering me two thirds of the profits if I would put in two thousand dollars in the course of two years... The proposal was accepted and the stock entered ... For many years he prospered very well and remained honest __ My farm continued to support me; and yearly I was enabled to add considerably to my stock in the mercantile business -- My wife's health seemed to decline and I sent her home to england, in hopes bethrough lieving she might yet recover, Itom the voyage and a change of climate,, But fatal to my happiness here, I soon received the intelligence of her death .. She left me one child, a beautiful little pratling girl, eighteen months old ... As the Major had no child, he with his usual professions of kindness, offered to receive my babe as his own ... He thought his wife would esteem it a pleasant favor ... We consulted her upon the subject and found no objections, if I would bestow upon her a thousand dollars as a marriage portion. Although this was an early call for contingent donations, I granted it cheerfully and a bargain Was concluded: they became the adopted parents of my child. For a long time I was quite disconsolate

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Madam McPhelon company was not very welcome. disliked my engrossing the affections of the little idol_n_----At the shop Mack wanted I should take a tour to the South to see what great speculations could be entered into there. In short, I discovered that he had become very avaricious but I did not suspect his honesty. However I undertook a journey to the South; not so much to please him, as to wear off the gloom under which I was laboring . I determined to visit all the principal towns on the sea coast from Boston to New Orleans and obtain all possible information in the mercantile business__ We spoke freely upon this topic; and indeed it was almost the only topic upon which he exercised any free (-)

Accordingly I set out for Boston, having rented out my farm... () I reached the city the fifth day, got my horse stabled and commenced rambling . After visiting several of the principal trading establishments I took lodgings for the night, determined to enter more minutely into inquiries and examinations the next day-- In the course of rambles the following day it occurred to me that MC. made all his purchases at the firm of Russel & Davison, on India wharf I thought to call here, when I felt a presentiment that all would not be right .. --

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I overcame this, and entered the establishment when I was saluted by name, from several old acquaintances, who made very particular inquiries after my health, circumstances and prosperity, to which I replied with sufficient frankness and percision to unravel my whole history; Russel and Davison were both present and were not the last to hear evevery word. To me they were both strangers, but I was soon put in a way to become more intimate...

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As soon as decency would permit, Mr. Russel ask(-) 01ed me if Major Mc. Phelon was a partner with me in trade? I answered in the affirmative. "Do you think him an honest man? I said I had never suspected his integrity; I was invited into the counting room where I was requested to examine the books. After he had finished the examination, he repeated the question, "do you think Mack an honest man?" I returned for answer that I was ruined and Mack must be secured immediately or they would suffer loss, and I thought they would at any rate .. "Why? are 10 you not able to foot the bill?" Not one tenth part ... And I should like to know how the wretch succeeded in deceiving you so wonderfully. He then presented all Mack's papers from the commencement of our deal down to the present time, and it appeared that Mack employed a great many accomplices in the character of pedlars, who managed to forge company notes for small sums and (them again_ This had been carried on for several years and, after an extensive and wide spread credit was 20 established they enlarged upon this species of credit till not only Mack and Myself were swallowed up but several other more worthy and wealthy men were completely engulphed in this terrible Maelstroom ..-Mack no doubt knew where the whirlpool terminated and would take care to locate himself to receive the effects of his ingenious machinations ... Mack had indeed paid the firm much more money than both of us had in trade: but then, there were Deacon Curtis, Esq. Marlborough and two or three others who had lent him great loans, which he 30 had managed to conceal from each other while his credit ran up to about thirty five thousand dollars Till quite recently, by the help of heavy loans he had been able to pay all demand(s) as fast as they became due: but now his business must come to a crisis, and his creditors learn the natural result of trading upon a

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but felt unwilling to distress me. He wished I would

manage the farm to the best advantage for myself

for if he did not break, he would never take it from

me during my lifetime. I offered any assistance

in my power to secure the wretch; but while we were

yet talking Davison came in with a letter in his

hand stating the particulars of his leaving the

country like a base villain.

Here the general paused a moment when I observed that Choryden was the man, and Esq. Marlborough was my father... "Your father:... My God" said the general, "Thank heaven for this:

Now have I found a friend: One who will assist me to the last and help ferret out the greatest rascal upon earth, and bring him to condign punishment" But, said I, your little Josephine; where is she? "That is my affliction" said Gen. Towner "Don't name her. She is the last thread of my life. Had I but seen her breathe her last, I could die in peace and my sleep would be sweet. But with Mac. Phelon----"
Utterance failed him and I told him I could relieve him on that score, for I was sure I could show him his daughter "God bless you: You restore me to life. Heaven be praised----Shall I yet see my darling Josephine?"

Here we recounted the various incidents that had brought us together; in connection with the histories of our adventures, and here we took counsel together. I advised him to return with me #fff to Cleveland and commence a lawsuit with Choryden, inform Adaline who she is and describe the wretch who brought her up.

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