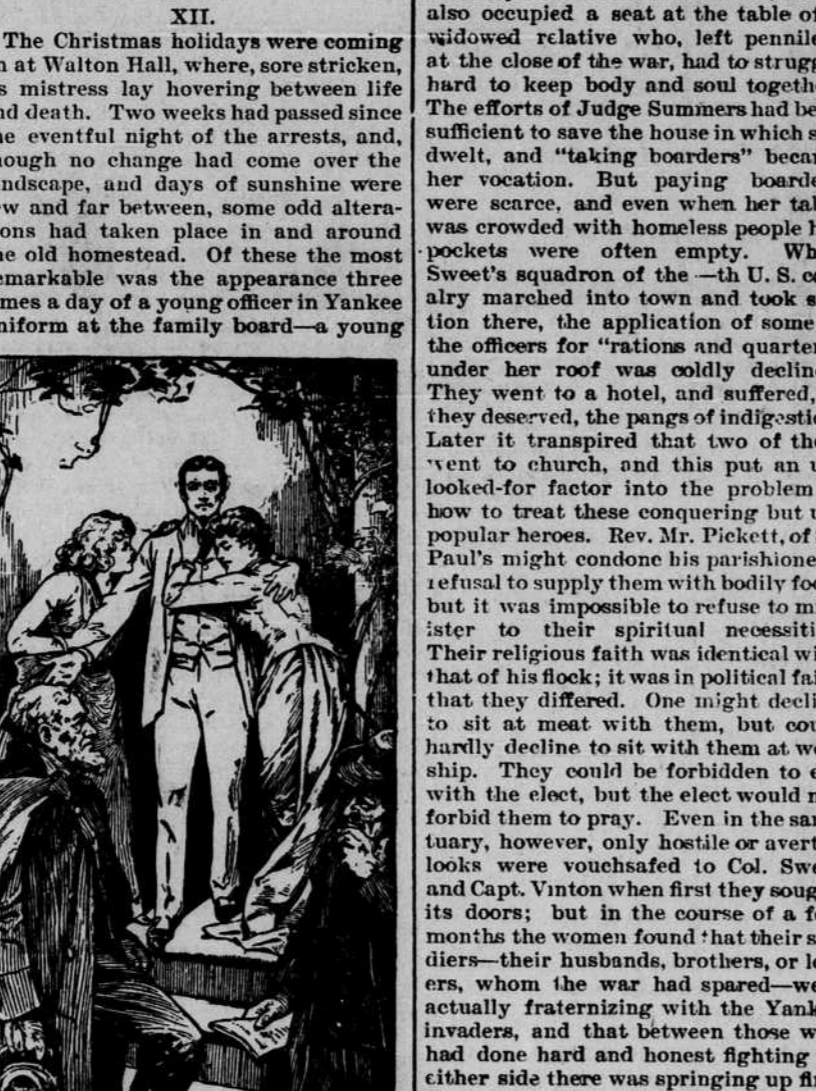


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hall. A light streamed forth from the open room, and a woman's wailing, shuddering cry followed the tall powerful form that came striding to the front. With a look of horror in her eyes, Mrs. Walton staggered, would have fallen, but for the clasping arm of her son, upon whose breast she now leaned, panting for breath and glaring at the newcomer, to whose side now sprang Esther, her long black hair streaming down the white wrapper in which her tall figure was enveloped—Esther, who strove to drag the stranger back from before her mother's eyes. "You here? You?" was Mrs. Walton's gasping cry. "And in—that room?" "Mother!" wailed the elder daughter, throwing herself upon her knees before the fainting form—"mother, listen. Oh, make her hear me, Floyd! Mother, I am Walton's wife." But the words fell on senseless ears. The lady of Walton hall slipped swooning, till they caught and bore her within the open doorway. "Well," said Close, a moment later, "what do you want done with your man—Walton Scroggs? One's enough for this night, I suppose." "One's enough for me, as things have turned out. Now, what are you going to do with the other?" "Leave him here, with his mother, where he ought to be, of course. You've got no cause to arrest him." "But you have, anyhow." "If! What, I'd like to know?" "Because he's a deserter from the United States army."



XII. The Christmas holidays were coming on at Walton Hall, where, sore stricken, his mistress lay hovering between life and death. Two weeks had passed since the eventful night of the arrests, and though no change had come over the landscape, and days of sunshine were few and far between, some odd alterations had taken place in and around the old homestead. Of these the most remarkable was the appearance three times a day of a young officer in Yankee uniform at the family board—a young officer who often prolonged his visit until late in the evening. Mr. Isaac Newton Lambert, though occupying his tent in camp, had become otherwise an inmate of the Walton establishment, for, unknown to the beloved invalid, her daughters were actually "taking boarders." Another boarder, who had come and moved a modest bachelor kit into one of the upstairs rooms facing the east and overlooking the little camp, was Mr. Barton Potts, better known to all the inmates as "Cousin Bart." Indeed, it was due in great measure to his advice and influence that Mr. Lambert was admitted. Impoverished as were the Waltons—in dire need, as it turned out, now that the resolute woman who so many years had managed the family affairs was stricken down—nothing but prompt action and the helping hands of kinsfolk and friends stood between them and starvation. Squire Potts—"Old Man Potts," as he was generally called—had urged on Mrs. Walton in November the propriety of her abandoning the place entirely and taking shelter for herself and her daughters under his roof. Even though in desperate need, she had declined—for one reason, because that would bring Esther and Walton Scroggs together again; for another, because she could not bear to think of the old home becoming the abiding-place of all the houseless, shiftless negroes in the neighborhood. She had offered the house, garden and cotton-fields still remaining in her hands to any purchaser at almost any price; but who was there to invest in such unprofitable estate at such a time? In the midst of these cares and troubles, which she could share with

world. She was a soldier's daughter, and presumably poor. Whether she was poor or not, he, at least, had nothing to offer, and, having nothing, held his tongue, though he could not hold his peace. That was gone. That was a wretched summer and autumn. The fire raged along the gulf, and cholera swooped upon the garrison. Sweet got his wife and child away to the mountains. They left suddenly, (To be continued.)

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