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AN INCIDENT OF THE WAR.

The Friendship of Two Men. One of Whom Once Tried to Kill the Other.

Among the Chicago commercial travelers who visit the Chillys, says The Constitution of that city, are two gentlemen, now good friends, whose first meeting was under circumstances just the reverse of friendship. Mr. P— is a Virginian, and Mr. B— is a New Yorker by birth, and both were soldiers during the late war—the former a captain in the famous confederate troops commanded by the celebrated General John B. Mosby, and the latter a private in a New York regiment. In one of the many skirmishes in the vicinity of Warrenton, Va., Captain P— was captured by B—'s regiment, the commander of which, in pursuance of a previous order from his superiors "to shoot Mosby's men whenever caught," ordered the immediate execution of the unfortunate captive. He was let out a short distance from the command, and a detail of seven men, of whom B— was one, was ordered to execute the drumhead sentence. At the word "Fire!" the squad discharged their weapons straight at the victim, and poor P— fell, riddled with six rifle balls. He was left for dead, as food for the vultures, and his executors mounted their horses and followed their regiment in pursuit of Mosby. The victim was unconscious for twenty-four hours, and when he awoke and feebly called for help, there was no response. With six hairy wounds in his chest, and covered with blood, he dragged himself a mile to a negro's cabin, where he was kindly received and nursed for a week, until Mosby's forces had rallied and driven the Federals from the vicinity. Then for the first time his wounds were dressed by a surgeon, and in about six months he rejoined his command and fought until the final surrender at Appomattox. His health has ever since been delicate, but he is energetic and successful as a salesman, and is a very popular and successful man, and has no warmer personal friend than B—, who was one of his executioners, or thought he was.

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How the Girls Trapped Him.
 Mary Abbott Rand, in Journal of Education.
 Mr. Johnson, the High School teacher in Brigham, was a first-rate teacher, and if his obituary had been written, no doubt it would have declared him to be a "kind husband and father." But he was a man of peculiarities for all that, and one was a disapprobation of kid gloves. "Unnecessary extravagance," he called them; "unhealthy, inconvenient, inadmissible."

Now, his twin daughters, Prue and Patty, being just 15, naturally thought otherwise, and, glad to be in the average young miss who water in the ducks. But all their wishes were of no avail. In winter their delicate hands were "made into paws," as Prue declared, with mittens, while in summer they were allowed nothing daintier than lace-thread.

One lucky day for them, when things had rolled smoothly at school, when the wind was in the west, the coffee clear, the steak "done to a turn," and all those trifles that make angles, or the reverse, of us were favorably bent, Mr. Johnson announced at dinner that he thought it would be an excellent plan to form a Speech Improvement Society; said society to consist of the family alone; the object in view to be, as the name implies, correction of speech. It was hardly to be supposed that the president of the society could be guilty of a lapsus linguae, but it may be interesting to know how many mistakes ordinary people are liable to make in one week.

"But, supposing, papa," said Prue, "supposing the sky should fall, or that you should be guilty of an inaccuracy, as you say, what then?"
 "My daughter," said her father benignly, "in such case I am not in promising any reasonable reward you may claim."
 "Kid gloves?" ventured Patty.
 "I am safe, I think, in saying yes," said her father.
 "I choose pearl-colored," cried Prue.
 "I will have brown," said Patty.
 "And I would like drab," added Mrs. Johnson. This was at noon-time.

When Mr. Johnson came home at night he inquired how soon tea would be ready.
 "Just as soon as the tea-kettle boils," replied his wife pleasantly.
 "Erroneous!" exclaimed the teacher, with such a crushing sense of superiority that his wife and daughters wondered that they had ever dared to dream of kid gloves.
 "It is astonishing," said Mr. Johnson, "how people will persist in talking of 'boiled tea-kettles' for supper. This is an instance of the many inaccuracies in daily use. I think our improvement society will be a success."
 Meek Mrs. Johnson said nothing more during supper.
 Right across the street from them lived an elderly widow, who was quite alone, and who was the object of many attentions from the neighbors.
 That night a snowfall whitened the sidewalks. Mr. Johnson was an active and prudent man. He was up betimes, and cleared his own walk, then put his head in at the door long enough to say—"I will come in to breakfast as soon as I have shoveled the old lady out."
 "When you get her comfortably aboard the shovel," retorted Prue, "you might bring her in to see us, and hand our kid gloves in at the same time."
 It was a subdued, but very agreeable husband and father that came into breakfast somewhat late, bringing three nice little bundles, which he laid beside the plates of his wife and daughters. Prue said to her mother, "I found their favorite shades in my box of French kids, and Mrs. Johnson rejoiced in a whole box of dainty gloves."
 "I am of the opinion on the whole," said the teacher, "that criticism within the family circle is undesirable. In fact, I have made up my mind to drop the teacher henceforth when I open

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