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BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS.

After threescore years and ten spent in accumulating fame and fortune Colonel Vining had lived ten more to see his fame a thing of the past and his fortune take to itself wings and fly away. Ten years too long, said the worldly-wise; but not so thought the great reaper, for he often leaves his fruit to be mellowed by the early frosts, and in those ten years the ambitious man became even as a little child. Of the vast landed estates once his, only enough was left to defray the expenses of his burial. The friends who had gathered around him in his day of power had all gone before him to the spirit land. The grass grew green over the graves of two noble sons and three lovely daughters, and the sole scion of his race was Edward Vining Coulac, the son of his best beloved daughter Margaret. With her wit and beauty she had been the pride of his heart; but in an evil hour she had met Henri Coulac, an unprincipled adventurer, and in spite of the warning of friends and the prayers of her father she trusted her fate to his keeping. Ere the honeymoon had waned the man she had sworn to honor had earned her bitter contempt; and after squandering her property and humbling her pride, he deserted her when her situation would have excited the sympathy even of a stranger. A few months after her return to her old home a waiting infant was placed in her arms; she scanned his features eagerly, then with a murmured, "Thank God, he is all mine," placed him in her father's arms and found for herself the rest of the broken-hearted.

Deprived of father's and mother's love, in the midst of poverty and sorrow, the boy yet threw like the magnolia of his own southern swamps which hides with beauty and fragrance the deadly miasmas of its birthplace. His ambitious spirit and buoyant temper cheered the last days of his grandfather; when the trembling hand was laid upon his head in dying benediction he felt that he was indeed blessed, though he turned from the grave a wanderer; for the ancestral home was sold by eager creditors ere the days of mourning were at an end. With or kin there was none in the world to whom he could turn, and as he sat in the office brooding over his lonely condition his sad face touched the heart of Major Legere.

"Vining," said he, "life in this sleepy town of ours is rather a dull thing for a young fellow like you. How would you like to get away and see something of the world?"

"Like it," said Vining, in a tone meant to be cheerful, "why don't you ask me how I would like to go to heaven?"

"I don't wish you so well away as that, but if you can content yourself with a shorter journey I will help you on the way. I have business in New York which requires personal attention for the coming year, and there is no one to whom I can so confidently intrust it as to you. Will you go?"

"I should like to go—if—and Vining's glance rested sadly upon his rusty clothes.

ning, accustomed as he had been to the decaying gentility of a southern town, with its horror of modern ideas and its devotion to the traditions of a dead past.

At an early day Vining presented himself at the banker's, Mr. McEachin's, and was admitted into his private office. The low-ceiled room, with the light straggling faintly through cobwebbed windows, the dying coals in the grate emitting a feeble glare, and the opening letters scattered around on dusty desks, formed a fitting frame for the central figure, a small, spare man with iron gray hair; erect as porcupine quills, a face like a withered crab apple, and keen blue eyes, in which twinkled a gleam of humor, as he caught the critical glance taking in the appointments of the room. A puzzled expression deepened the wrinkles in his forehead, as he looked from the card in his hand to the face of his visitor.

"E. V. Coulac," repeated he, as if to himself. "Excuse my curiosity, sir, but your face is strangely familiar, though I am sure I have never heard your name before. What is it in full?"

"Edward Vining Coulac."

"Any relation to Colonel Vining, of Bel Air?"

"He was my grandfather, sir," said the young man, drawing himself up proudly.

The banker grasped his hand eagerly, exclaiming, with a tremor in his voice: "Mr. Coulac, for his sake you are welcome. There is no human being that was near to him but what has a claim on John McEachin."

Then in a brisker tone than usual, as if ashamed of the emotion into which he had been betrayed he resumed the conversation on business topics yet his gaze lingered almost fondly upon the bright face turned to him, and as Vining rose to go he said: "Mr. Coulac, to-morrow is an anniversary with me, and if you will dine with my family and a few guests I will explain to you why the sound of your grandfather's name after a lapse of forty years sets my heart beating like a schoolboy's at the mention of his first sweetheart."

The invitation was courteously accepted and the morrow saw Vining in the banker's parlors. Mr. McEachin received him cordially, and presenting him to his daughter Flora, said: "Mr. Coulac has special claims on our hospitality which you will gladly acknowledge after the story I tell you to-day. A soft hand was extended in friendly greeting, and a pair of merry blue eyes shot coquettish glances of welcome from brown fringed lids. He was beguiled into such forgetfulness of time and place that when, at the close of dinner he was roused by Mr. McEachin's voice, he felt like one waked from a dream.

"Mr. Coulac, I have long promised my family a story of your land forty years ago, and if you will not think me rude I will tell it in your presence."

"You can say nothing, sir, to make me love my country less, as I believe you would say nothing to wound the feelings of your guest."

The banker nodded with an amused smile as if to say, "We'll see about that," and proceeded:

"It is now some forty odd years since a peddler could be seen plodding his way through one of those prairies whose rich land has given the name of 'the black belt' to many counties in the southern part of Alabama. Not that the appearance of these travelers was an unusual occurrence, for it was in the good old days when the planter ruled his domains like a feudal lord, and extended the hospitality of his home to the passing stranger, and the peddler with his pack served to while away the leisure hours of the ladies of the mansion, and to vary the monotony of the plantation life for the dusky Dinahs of the quarter. This part of the tourist carried all his worldly gear in his pack, but he was rich in youth, in health and in Yankee pluck. As he trudged along under the October sun he whistled as joyously as the mocking birds in the magnolia groves near the green house he was approaching. It was near the hour of noon, and as he was near the quarter he thought he would rest there, and perhaps secure some savory additions to his scanty lunch. As he opened the gate a towheaded archer called out: 'If you uncomely in hiar I'll sic my yaller purp on

you? Just then a woman, whose shining black face and portly figure could belong to none other than the cook, sallied round the house carrying a rough, unpolished horn. Upon this she blew a blast so loud that the traveler fancied the walls of another Jerico were to tumble at its hoarse summons. Seeing the stranger at the gate, her native hospitality prompted her to accost him, whereupon the boy again called out: 'You ole Chloe, if you don't make that 'ar beggar go away from 'thar I'll tell my par.' Now the recollection of sundry dimes, tied up in an old stocking leg in her 'chist,' made her very sensible of the duties the community owed to this class of pilgrims, so setting her arms akimbo and muttering, 'You shut up your gab, you poor sarddigger, she proceeded to arrange with the peddler for his noonday repast. The overseer rode by and regarded them with a scowl, which in no wise interfered with Chloe's good humor, for she repaid him with supreme contempt. With a keen eye to her own interest she had not failed to consider the good of her fellows, and had arranged for an exhibition of the peddler's wares while the overseer enjoyed his evening siesta. So a merry group gathered in front of Aunt Chloe's cabin at the appointed hour, and a brisk barter was being carried on with much lively chatter when they were interrupted by the gruff voice of the overseer: 'Get out of here, you rascally peddler, with your worthless traps. These chaps heads are so full of your nonsense that they are no manner of account.' Then turning to Chloe: 'You black wench, you, when my family orders you to do anything you'd better do it.'

"She bounced into her cabin, her frame quivering with indignation as she replied, 'Mas' didn't send me here to be ordered around by the likes of that red-headed Billy. Meanwhile, the peddler was leisurely packing his wares, when the overseer, his wrath increased by Chloe's impudence, ordered him to 'trot us.'

"I walked on to your land and I'll walk off, and nothing you can say or do will make me trot," was the cool reply.

"I'll make two of these chaps take you down and beat the life out of you, you impudent rascal," said the overseer in a voice choked with passion.

"You'll have one negro the less, then, for while they are doing it I shall certainly kill one of them," replied the peddler, straightening up and taking a calm survey of the brawny Samsons around him.

"Cyrus Major, tie that Yankee sneak down and give him fifty," was the order.

"The negroes slunk back, affecting more fear than they really felt, for they rejoiced in the opportunity of paying off old scores against their brutal tyrant. 'Das'ent touch dat white man,' said Cyrus trembling, 'for he'll kill me sure.'

"I'll show you how to come here teaching these black apes sass," said the overseer, almost beside himself with rage and seizing the peddler; whereupon ensued a struggle in which his brute strength was no match for the youth and agility of his rival, and he soon cried lustily for quarter. The peddler seemingly well satisfied, released his hold, and with a friendly nod to the negroes went on his way. He had reached town in the afternoon and was exhibiting his wares when he was roughly seized and a sheriff's warrant thrust into his hands. He was arrested on the grave charge of inciting the slaves to resist lawful authority and a murderous assault upon the person of their overseer. In the midst of strangers, and almost penniless, he was thrust into jail to await his trial before the ensuing court. Rumors of his dangerous character and incendiary mission floated like thistle-down upon the wings of the wind; for it was at an era when the seeds of sectional distrust, destined like the teeth of the fabled dragon to spring up armed warriors, were being sown broadcast.

"A few days before the trial he sat in his cell thinking sadly of his far off home and his widowed mother when he was roused from his reverie by the grating of the rusty bolt of his door, which swung open and admitted the jailer. He was followed

by a man in the prime of intellectual and physical vigor. Aristocrat was stamped upon every line of his finely chiseled face, and he carried himself proudly as one bound to rule. Colonel Vining, said the jailer 'has come to see what he can do for you.' A sudden hope sprang up in the heart of the prisoner as he looked into the calm dark eyes and noted the confident bearing of his visitor. They were left alone, and after a conference that lasted far into the night they parted with a fervent 'God bless you, sir,' from the peddler. 'If my life is spared, I will repay you,' said he.

"Understand, young man, I don't espouse your cause for the sake of a fee. I have just heard that none of these pettifoggers would defend you and it shall never be said that while Edward Vining lives that a helpless stranger could find no advocate in the courts of Alabama. It is not the first time by many that I have done what they don't dare to do."

"The day for the trial rolled round and public excitement was at fever heat. 'I reckon' Vining will hardly get a jury to his liking from this crowd,' looking over the sea of angry faces, remarked a lawyer. 'I don't know, I've never seen him fail to bend them yet,' was the reply, 'but if he succeeds here, I think there'll be an appeal to Judge Lynch before yonder sun goes down.' The jury was impaled, and the witnesses examined. The whole weight of evidence bore heavily against the prisoner, for the overseer and his family were the only witnesses whose testimony could be received. The prosecuting attorney summed up the evidence, then painted him as a midnight assassin sharing the hospitality of the simple planter and stealing from his fireside under cover of darkness to array his slaves against him. A hush like that of the grave broken only by the labored breathing of angry men, fell upon the room as he took his seat. The ominous silence was broken by a low murmur like the sweep of a distant tornado as Colonel Vining rose and began to speak. Soon the low, flute-like voice stifled the rising tempest and the audience with impassive faces seated themselves to listen.

"He has them dead now," said the lawyer, 'Nobody ever listened to him without going his way.' He too summed up the evidence, and with such clearness did he present it as a tissue of falsehood that men hung their heads for having accepted it. With withering sarcasm he tore into shreds the character of the plaintiff, his petty dishonesties, his known intemperance and his unvarying cruelty. Then the silence became more intense, and men leaned eagerly forward, as with a touch of pathos in the silvery voice he recounted the leading facts in the prisoner's life. How a mere boy, he had left his New England home to earn a living for his widowed mother, who even then was watching for his return, little thinking that her boy was in jeopardy; attracted to Alabama by reports of her warm-hearted open-handed children he had learned to love them for their kindness to the wandering stranger. Then in glowing words, each one 'as a nail driven into a sure place,' he appealed to them by the memory of their own struggling youth to show mercy to the boy. One face softened, then another, and another, until under the spell of his matchless eloquence many a hard-featured, grizzled-bearded man saw himself once more in the place of the young prisoner. Then a hand would steal quietly up to brush away a tear from a furrowed cheek, and even the keen gray eyes of the judge were dimmed by a suspicious moisture.

"When Colonel Vining sat down such a storm of applause shook the house as has rarely waked the echoes of that sleepy burgh. When the jury brought in the verdict, 'Not guilty,' he led his client through the crowded room, entered his carriage and drove home. There they sat down to a bountiful repast, after which Colonel Vining ordered his buggy, and pointing to it said, 'Now my young friend, there is your only chance for safety. Jerry will drive you to the next town and here is \$20 to help you out of the State. Your baggage is all in there. These people are brave and generous, but like a lot of dry wood, only needing a spark to set them in a blaze, and

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"God bless you sir, if He spares me I shall surely repay you for this day's work," said the peddler.

"Ten thousand dollars would not have tempted me to do what I have done for you to-day, so do not worry about the debt; but while Edward Vining lives it shall never be said that a stranger was hounded to death in Alabama and not a voice was raised in his defence. But go now for time hastens and my work must not be undone."

"May John McEachin's right hand forget its cunning, if he ever fails to remember that day," said the peddler, as looking his last upon the face of his preserver he rode away.

"You see, Mr. Coulac, you needed no letter of credit to my house; your name is a passport to my home and heart. Let us rise now and drink to the memory of Colonel Edward Vining, the bravest man I ever knew."

Reverently the guests arose and responded to the toast. This tribute to the nobility of his grandfather gave an added luster to Vining's dark eyes and a proud grace to his fifth figure. Little wonder that Flora McEachin saw in him the hero of her girlish fancy; and as the days lapsed into weeks and the weeks into months, together they coned the old, old story. With Mr. McEachin's assistance, Vining established himself in his profession and rapidly won friends and position. When another Christmas tide rolled around the marriage bells of Vining Coulac and Flora McEachin bore their part of the burden of peace on earth and good will to man.—Springfield Republican.

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READJUSTERS of Smyth, you have stood bravely together in the past, and let us stand firmly together in the future battles we will have with Bourbonism. We have won too much to let the enemy gain into power. "No quarter to Bourbonism" should be our cry.

THE people of Virginia were too much interested in the questions of free suffrage and free education to listen to the false cries of BOURBONISM. They knew that it was the Readjuster party that was resolved to restore the one and make prosperous the other, so they heeded not the howlings of Bourbonism.

OUR paper will be political so long as the rights of the people and the material advancement of Virginia demand it. We are for progress and development. We are for a restoration of harmonious relations between the sections. We are opposed to Southern Bourbonism and Northern Bloody shirtism.

We wonder if Capt. NEWBERRY was as badly treated by the Funders elsewhere as he was here. His tickets were suppressed on the day of election. He got his few votes on scratched tickets. The Funders were afraid to let his tickets be brought out, thinking some votes might be taken from their new covert, FULKERSON. "Oh gratitude! where is thy virtue?"

THE Louisville Courier Journal, the most influential Democratic paper in the Union, is opposed to BARDALL for next Speaker of the House of Representatives because he is a protective tariff man. What think you of that protection Democrats? Does it not look like a "free trade" platform for 1884?

COL. FULKERSON says he has been relieved of a heavy load by the recent election, that is that he has been able to sever his connection with the Readjuster party and fall into line with the self-styled Democracy. To our minds the heaviest load the Col. has been relieved of is that ten thousand dollars he wanted to get as a member of Congress for two years more. That's what hurts his feelings.

BROTHER WADDELL, of the Lynchburg News, wrote a letter to his paper from Abingdon a few weeks previous to the election, in which he made predictions as to results in certain counties of this district. They were based upon reliable information gathered from both Readjusters, so-called, and Funders. We would advise Mr. W. to call upon a Simon-Pure Readjuster the next time if he wants to reach reliable conclusions about public sentiment in this section. In the meantime it would be refreshing for him to look over his recent predictions.

The work is being rapidly pushed on the road from Tazewell Court-House to Graham. There should be at least \$15,000 spent on it.

The house of Mr. A. T. Hargrave, of Tazewell (now absent in North Carolina), was entered by thieves Wednesday night and robbed of a considerable amount of household goods.

A COALITION CONFESSED.

"But, my countrymen, remember that the people, irrespective of party have helped to do it; and that no one man or faction can rejoice in the victory." Let us not forget that to brave Republicans, in a great measure we are indebted for this great victory, and, as a Democrat, I salute them by "that tie that binds all true men."

The above words were uttered by JOHN W. DANIEL in a speech made at Lynchburg, on last Saturday night, upon the occasion of a "Grand Torch Light Procession, celebrating the Great Victory of Democracy"—that is the way the Lynchburg News styled it.

In 1879 JNO. W. DANIEL uttered a sentiment peculiarly similar to the foregoing, at a meeting at Lynchburg, which was addressed by two colored men, ROANE and DERRICK. Taking his position between the two colored men and giving to each a hand he said: "When the best men of both races unite in behalf of a cause, it 'must prevail.'" Then he and the party he represented were for coalition, though they constantly sneered at the Readjuster party because it was a coalition party. So it has been in the recent canvass. Bourbon-Funderism tried to make capital all the time by denouncing the Liberal party as coalitionists; and now, in a speech, the leading champion of Bourbonism, the man whose words are gospel truth to trucking Funderism, confesses that their forces have been brought together by coalition, and "that to brave Republicans in a great measure, are we largely indebted for this great victory."

What victory were they celebrating? Was it the defeat of their new leader, MASSEY, whom they had so long and persistently denounced as a "liar and mangy cur"? Were they shouting over the crushing defeat of the traitor they took to their bosom and his vindictive coadjutors, FULKERSON, NEWBERRY & Co.? Were they glad at the glorious and noble victory won by brave Readjusters, on the 7th of November, over the Bourbon-Funders and Wickhamites, who combined or conspired? Were they glad because they were whipped in Virginia; or were they trying to hide the shame they deeply felt for taking the bitter dose, MASSEY, to no purpose; or, were they rejoicing over the victory won in Massachusetts for Democracy by Spoons BUTLER, whom they were once delighted to abuse as a "cock-eyed villain"? Perhaps he is one of the "brave Republicans" to whom Major DANIEL referred.

It may be that they were happy over the victories won in New York, Pennsylvania and other Northern States by a coalition of Blaine (brave) Republicans and northern Democrats; for "to brave Republicans, in a great measure, are we largely indebted for this great victory."

Grateful (!) Bourbon Funderism made MASSEY its leader in Virginia, and grateful Funderism licked the hands of Wickhamite—gripsack Republicans. Grateful Funderism accepted the aid of FULKERSON and of the "Big 4," but met with crushing defeat on the 7th of this month. Now will it not be in order for grateful Bourbonism to do something equally as absurd in 1884? Will it be BLAINE the brave Republican or will it be the beautiful Beast BUTLER that the coalition of Bourbons and Bloody shirt men will take for their leader. "When the best men of both sections unite in behalf of a cause it must prevail." The Major will have an opportunity to sponit his noble sentiment again in 1884, we have no doubt, and raise his voice in behalf of a coalition that is "honorable."

A commission was issued yesterday to C. P. Snead, postmaster at Etna Mills.

The Old Dominion Line will put a steamer on the Ware river to make regular trips three times a week to Norfolk.

A tree delivery service was ordered, yesterday, to be established at Lynchburg, Va., beginning January 1st, with six carriers.

George Carter, of Gloucester, has been convicted of horse stealing and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. The prisoner gave in the plea that he thought the horse belonged to his father.

The cotton factory at Suffolk began work on Monday. It has not as yet its full complement of hands (female), but next week will get more, and go to work on a larger scale. More machinery will be put in.

Crockett Waldren, who is confined in Tazewell jail for an attempt to pass a forged check, is the son of Mr. Gus Waldren, an excellent citizen of McDowell, and has many most respectable relatives in Tazewell county.

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N. B. Peacock has sold his farm of 133 acres in Loudon county for \$41 per acre.

Rev. S. B. T. Patterson, formerly pastor of the Scottsville Baptist Church, died a few weeks ago at Rock Island, Ill.

Some fifty or sixty thousand dollars in Confederate bonds held by the city of Lynchburg, have been ordered to be sold.

The farmers are now gathering their corn. Some fields are very heavy, others are short—the effect of the early dry weather.

Last Thursday James B. Laver and Kirby Sedwick killed near Luray an eagle which measured from tip to tip six feet, and seven inches and weighed 20 pounds. Its body was snow white and its wings black.

On Tuesday last the citizens of Brunswick county voted with unanimity for subscribing their proportion of \$3,500 per mile for the proposed Atlantic and Danville railroad, the route for which is now being surveyed.

A white man was knocked off the bridge at Gordonsville last Monday and killed. He attempted to get on the train and fell under the cars, and was forced through the bridge. He was supposed to have been drunk.

President Atkinson, of Hampden Sidney College, still continues in ill health. A meeting of the trustees has been called for the 14th of November to accept his resignation of the presidency, to take effect at the end of the month.

Mr. M. Colbert, of Richmond, grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, and Col. J. W. Peyton, of Front Royal, district grand master of the same order, made an official visitation to the lodges in Winchester and vicinity last week.

Sarah Swift, wife of R. G. Swift, Sr., who resides near New Hope Station, Spotsylvania county, on the narrow gauge railroad, was burned to death on Monday last during the absence of other members of the family.

The Fredericksburg News says: "We were shown on Monday a box of pure gold from the Rappahannock mine in Stafford county, which weighed twenty-three pounds and nine ounces. This amount was the product of one month's labor at said mine."

Washington and Lee University has opened its session with 130 students in attendance, an increase for the present year of 20 per cent. over last session. The anticipated number is 140. Sixteen States are represented. It is proposed to inaugurate the Lee monument on the 28th of June next.

A force of hands operated by United States authorities are dredging the Chickahominy river, and will continue work during the winter. The proceeding, if industriously carried on, will materially assist the unobstructed passage of wood scows, muskrats, catfish, eels, and other such craft as usually navigate that classic stream.

It is characteristic of Funderism and Bourbonism in Virginia that every right and interest of the citizen should be subordinated to party exigency. The press of the obstructive faction in this State has gone so far recently as to criticize Gov. Cameron's manly and proper effort to protect citizens of Virginia from illegal prosecution and imprisonment in the State of Maryland.

True the Governor of Maryland was forced to admit the law assented by Governor Cameron and as construed by the courts of both States! True that Governor Cameron's action had no other object but to guard our people against expense, detention, and trial—all illegal, and confessedly so!

But the Funder-Bourbon papers in extreme anxiety for Massey could afford (as they always can) to thwart our Governor's patriotic intent and to give aid and comfort to the invaders of our rights.

And their carelessness is only equalled by their ignorance. Governor Cameron was and is right as to the law and the facts. Governor Hamilton so confesses. The courts of both States have so agreed.

Meanwhile, are the people with the Governor who is seeking to protect them from outrage, or with the politicians who are willing to sacrifice them? This question has already been answered.—Richmond Whig.

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