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"A tariff of duties on imported goods producing sufficient revenues for the payment of the necessary expenditures of the national government, and so adjusted as to protect American industry, is indispensably necessary to the prosperity of the American people."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Congressman W. M. Springer is a prominent candidate before the President for appointment to the new judgeship. His qualifications seem to consist in the fact that he was repudiated by the voters of his district for re-election, and consequently it is the duty of the administration to "take care of him." Congressman Wilson, of London banquet fame, ditto.

"There are times in the history of men and nations, when they stand so near the veil that separates mortals from the immortals, time from eternity, and men from their God, that they can almost hear the beatings and feel the pulsations of the heart of the Infinite. Through such a time has this nation passed. When two hundred and fifty thousand brave spirits passed from the field of honor through that thin veil to the presence of God; and when at last its parting folds admitted the Martyr President to the company of the dead heroes of the republic, the nation stood so near the veil that the whispers of God were heard by the children of men. Awe-stricken by his voice, the American people knelt in tearful reverence and made a solemn covenant with Him and with each other, that their nation should be saved from its enemies, that all its glories should be restored, and on the ruins of slavery and treason, the temple of freedom and justice should be built, and should survive forever. It remains for us, consecrated by that great event, and under a covenant with God, to keep that faith, to go forward in the great work until it shall be completed."—From speech of Gen. Garfield on the first anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln.

A wild story floats in from Washington, to the effect that a bold attempt was made one night last week to kidnap the comptroller, our own Eckles, and hold him for a ransom. The narrative is authentic, as it comes from the comptroller himself, and the wicked plot was frustrated by the agile victim deliberately opening the door of the c.b. in which he was confined alone, and jumping out into the snow, the would-be abductors occupying the outside and making no attempt to recover their precious cargo. Had this attempt succeeded, we would have been deprived of those cheerful periodical prophesies of a great season of prosperity about to ensue in consequence of the statesmanship and profound financial policy inaugurated by "Me and Cleveland," and an aching void would puncture the next campaign in showing up the "greatest principle" of "commercial freedom." Should the wicked conspirators try it again and be successful, we advise them to fix the ransom price at a reasonable figure for the times (say about 75 cents) and offer their victim for sale in the "markets of the world," or they may be in the condition that our government is now, viz: Have a surplus of comptroller in their hands, with unbounded capacity for eating, drinking and shooting off his mouth, and no known device for suppressing him.

A FIRE.

Just as we were closing our forms, preparatory to going to press last evening, the fire-bell sounded. Jas. Kinney's house, on the north side, had caught fire through a defective flue which reached to the cellar. But little damage was done by the fire; more occurred from the water, broken furniture, etc. This is the first time that our water-works have been called into use to put out a fire, and great credit is due the citizens for responding so quickly and for effective work. We have plenty of first-class material here for a couple of good fire companies, and we hope that no time will be lost in perfecting organizations.

A Dangerous Game.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "MY DEAREST HEART."

CHAPTER VII.

I did not go downstairs that day to lunch or tea. I did not even take a headache, or any other excuse whatever, but merely asked to have my meals in my own room. At dinner I knew I should not meet Lady Martin or the Misses Farquhar, for they were going to a ball at Norbury, and to dine with friends previously.

"Well, Miss Thorne," said Mr. Gascoigne, as was his wont, when I joined him at half-past six, "I suppose you saw my niece today?"

"Yes, sir." "They have gone to a ball, I hear, to-night; so I am not to be favored with their company."

"I was not with them in the morning." "And your mutual liking has not increased yet?"

"Annis is always pleasant." "But her sisters are not? Never heed it, never heed it! We'll check them in good time. I've never had a lady here before, and it has annoyed them a bit. They know very well I had to send away my young gentlemen because they got to flirting and they don't like it. That's why they are angry."

"They think," I said, "that I am here as a spy upon their actions. Mr. Gascoigne, and in that position I will remain in no one's eyes."

"And what business have they to do anything they are afraid of a spy watching?" "That I cannot answer. But it is impossible for me to stay in such a position."

"My dear Miss Thorne," he said, "I cannot afford to lose you; I cannot really. You are worth all the young men I ever had put together. Won't you laugh at the girls' nonsense for a little while, for the sake of a helpless old man? I'll tell them that when I want any detective-work done I shall not get a lady to do it. Don't be hasty! Now please sing 'Bonnie Prince Charlie' to me."

I said no more, and the evening passed in the usual monotonous succession of music, dinner, chess.

Crawford Garden. I had always mistrusted her.

"Does mademoiselle require anything?" she asked, with perfect aplomb.

"Yes; I want to find my way to the library. Please to re-light my lamp."

"It is strange mademoiselle has come so far out of her way," said the woman pertly. "The library is not in this direction—not at all."

"When I re-entered Mr. Gascoigne's room, he made no remark on the length of my absence.

"What do you think of Carden?" he asked.

"It is early yet to form an opinion," I said.

"Not at all. Women always form an opinion on the spot. Be candid, if you please, Miss Thorne."

"I do not like him."

"Why?" he asked.

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