# Literature.

THE AULD MAN'S MANE. By W. G. COUTTS.

Oh wae's me, noo, my Peggy's gane Wha'd thocht I'd live to close her e'e? She's in the mools—1'm a' alane— There's no ane left that cares for me

Oh weel I mind when she was young. An' blythe's the lambs in on the brae; The kindly word aye graced her tongue. Wi' winning, sweet simplicity.

The day I ca'd the lassie mine She'd jimply measured oot her teens;
I bless that day—I've proved sin syne— " A loving wife's the best a' frien's,"?

But, noo she's gane, what do I here ? I'm auid an' fushenless an' dry ; Her loving voice upon my ear

Nae mair my senses can descry. Our bairnies, they went on before: They've entered a' that state o' rest Which, in our God, remains in store For a' that love and serve Him best

Then, wha wad thole to bide the ban O' wardly cares when they grow auld? There's few put up wi' an auld man, To him the warld grows aye mair cauld

They ca' me aye a fashious carl, Auld folk aye are in the way : It's time for me to leave the warf, When a' I love has pass'd away.

I dinna grumble at my fate, Tho' steep's the brac I has to climb; 4 In patient weel-doing I will wait The days o' my appointed time,"

It isna' lung I'll has to brave Neglect, an' scorn, an' words unkind As foot's already in the grave, The ither's tottering close behind.

I wadna' tak' anither lease O' this frail tenement o' clay ; I'm weary noo to be at peace-I'm ready now to pass away,

Life, at best, is but a vision, Transient, shawdowy, and obscure : There's nothing sure but strict revision O' a' our thochts an' acts impure

Death! What is it? Dissolution? No. The' it's shawdow's dark an' broad The only death's the soul's pollution ; The only life is life in God.

## OCEOLA:

A ROMANCE .- BY CAPT, M. REID

## (Continued.)

The place I remembered well. The coincidence produces and not without pain did I ob-

Had any one seen the savages? become he become he belonged? Who was their leader? The ex

road, had seen the Indians passing triple army; and, as our settle-away—had seen their captives, ment was strong no small band too; my sister—Viola—with other had dared to come against it. too; my sister—viola—with other had dured to come against it.

girls of the plantation. These were on horseback, each clasped his troops had retired within the in the arms of a savage. The forts—their summer quarters—blacks travelled afoot. They were for winter is the season of campin the arms of a savage. blacks travelled afoot. They not bound. They appeared to go aigning in Florida; and the Indians willingly. The Indians were to whom all seasons were alike, willingly. The Indians Redsticks'—led by Occola.

Such was the belief of those auding expeditions around me, founded upon the report of the men who had lain in

impression produced upon me.— It was painful in the extreme. It was painful in the extreme. I During the first burst of my endeavoured not to believe the grief, on receiving news of the O God! could love—passion—

and questioned them closely.— cial vengeunce? They adhered to their statement. It must ha They admitted that it was dark when they had seen the Indians returning from the massacre.— conclusion. By this alone could not tell for certain.

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the 'Redstick' tribe, or those of been

who led them. They knew him by the three ostrich feathers in his them to be—despite what they had afore ye. head-dress, which rendered him conspicuous among his followers. These fellows spoke posi-vely. What interest could they

tively. What interest could they have in deceiving me? What could it matter to them, whether could it matter to them, whether the chief of the murderous band unkind to him—more than that, was Occola, Coa Hajo, or Onopa himself?

True, my mother had been ing his bridle to a branch.

Come, Jim Weatherford,' he added, addressing himself to his himself?

my sister into a cruel captivitycould be no other than Oceola.

All memory of our past friendship died upon the instant.— My heart burned with hostility and hate, for him it had once so ardently admired.

#### THE ALARM.

There were other circumstances connected with the bloody affair that upon reflection appeared peculiar and mysterious. By the sudden shock, my soul had been completely benighted; and these circumstances had escaped my notice. I merely behaved that there had been an onslaught of the Indians, in which my mother had been massacred, and my sister berne away from her home--that the savages, not satisfied with blood, had added fire-that these outrages had been perpetrated in revenge for past wrongs, endured at the hands of their pale-faced enemies—that the like had ochad crossed there before-two curred elsewhere, and was almost months before-while tracking the daily occurring-why not on the steed of Occola. It was the path banks of the Suwanee, as in other that had been taken by the young districts of the country? In fact, it had been rather a matter of wonupon me a certain impression; der, that the settlement had been nd not without pain did I ob-erve it.

It led to reflection. There was It led to reflection. There was from the Seminole strongholds—time, as the trail was in places had already suffered a like terrible less conspicuous, and the finding it delayed our advance. It led to inquiry.

The information of Seminole Strongholds—the strongholds—the had already suffered a like terrible escape! The immunity had been remarked, and the inhabitants had become lutted by it into a false

The explanation given was that All these questions were the main body of the Indians in the affirmative. had been occupied elsewhere, Two men, lying concealed by the watching the movements of Scott's

> were to whom all scasons were alike, were now free to extend their marauding expeditions against the trans-

This appeared the true explaort of the men who had lain in mbush,

It is difficult to describe the settlement of the Suwanee had as truck the blow. Once more I interrogated myspression produced upon me.—been so long deferred. been so long deferred.

report. I resolved not to give it caramity, I accepted it as such; credence, until I should have further I and mine had merely been the

noted for their nostility to the semilar to repeat the mole ruce—nay, what was yet a that they were among the orthwho followed me—volunteers of all that they were among the orthwho followed me—volunteers of the very path of incredulty; what didye see 'em'? The white men were full of wrath revenue: and this precluded says I. didyou apply that 'ere observation to me?' Stead of beggin' ed that they were among the party who followed me—volunteers plantation lay in the very path of incredulty; 'whar did ye see 'em?' to aid me in obtaining revenge for the marauders; as their trail testing the marauders, as their trail testing the marauders in the marauders is a their trail testing the marauders. The work is the marauders in the marauders in the marauders is a their trail testing the marauders. my wrongs! sified, they had passed around it retreating horsemen—in you all thoughts of fear. Besides, we still that Arens Ringgold was not Arens Ringgold and his father had them.' them.'

to who was their leader, they had no doubt whatever. It was Occola No—neither.

Despite the testimony of the screamin', seen and said-my heart refused to believe it.

was Oceola, Coa 11ajo, or Onopa him with scorn. I remembered it well—he, too, might remember it. But surely he, the noble youth of her or my mind, the beau ideal of heroism—would scarcely have who had fired my home, and borne my sister into a cruel captivity— so long 1—would scarcely have the remember it.

I remembered it well—he, too, might remember it. But surely he, the noble youth of heroism—would scarcely have harboured such petty spite, and for remember it well—he, too, might remember it. But surely he, the noble youth of heroism—would scarcely have harboured such petty spite, and for remember it.

Weatherford, anticipating the harboured such petty spite, and for remember it.

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one of his most hated foes—one of the four men he had sworn to kill? our patience; for the two pion-this of itself was the most improbate eers were scarcely out of sight,

Why was his house not given to the flames?

I was told that the Indians had our troop, were scampering off made a hasty departure—that they had, in fact, retreated. The conupon its rounds—and the appear-ha, ha!' ance of these, unexpected by the Every scamper off to the woods. But alarm, for this, it was conjectured other I know'd thar war no Inplantations would have soffered dyuns, continued the alligator-the fate of ours—perhaps that of hunter, 'that ain't the way they'll Ringgold himself.

of them—and this would account diz know, go in the devance, for their retreat on the appearance the rest of ye keep well thegit This information gave a dif-ferent complexion to the affair— All ackn

his Indian nature; perhaps, after all, he was the monster who had them along the trail.

he?-my friend, a fiend near enough. I'll be the crackin' pect of vengeance, which I believed IS THE RACE EXTINCT? A of such an atrocious deed? o' thar rifles y'ul hear first. Dog- to be near. the 'Redstick' tribe, or those of been ne —my friend, a nend near enough. The better Long Swamp.' They better them to be the farmer. As to who was their leader, they had no doubt whatever. It was Occola

Stay whar yez are now, continued he, in a tone of authority half the distance, What motive could he have for auch special murder?—ah! what motive?

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What motive could he have for said he, in a time of authority what yet a bit.

So saying, he slipped down from his saddle, and commenced hitch-

having

to whole affair.

Ringgold had been at home-might have been entrapped in is sleep—his black retainers

when we heard their voices ringing to their voices ringing to the state of laughter.

This encouraged us to advance.

Where there was so much merrinent, there could be but little would scarcely have resisted; at all events, they could have been the return of the scouts, we rode overcome as easily as ours.

Why was he permitted to live? their continued cachinnations. forward, directing our course by

An opening brought both of them in view. Weatherford was

me as we advanced along the number of half-wild horned cattle, route, produced new reflections, that, startled by the trampling of

flagration had attracted a large umphantly, thar's yur Indyuos! body of citizen soldiery-a patrol Ain't they a savage consarn? Ha,

Every one joined in the laugh, savages, had caused the latter to except those who had given the false

make thar appearance. Y'ull hear The tale was probable enough. 'em afore you sees 'em; an' jest The band of marauders was not one word o' device to you greenlarge-we knew by their tracks horns, as don't know a red Indyur there were not more than fifty from a red cow: let someb'dy, as for their retreat on the appearance the rest o' ye keep well thegither; even of a smaller force. The or PII stake high on't thet some o' people alledged that it was a retreat, vezill sleep the night 'ithout har on This information gaves at 25.

tures—again forced into suspicions of Oceona.

divice was sage and sound.—
The hint was taken; and leaving the two hunters henceforth ing the two hunters henceforth Perhaps I but half understood to lead the pursuit, the rest drew

of us; this we knew from the hour at which they had been seen retreating from the settlements—
After my arrival on the plantation, no time had been lost—only ten minutes spent in preparations—and minutes may favor increase of fat, it is not conductive to muscular strength. Muscles deprived of the stimulus of spent in the plantation, and the apparation of the plantation, and the plantation in preparations—and minutes may favor increase of fat, it is not conductive to muscular strength. Muscles deprived of the stimulus of Shepherd. Well arter the teal was nothing to conductive to muscular strength. Muscles deprived of the stimulus of Shepherd. Well arter the teal was over, they sang another hymn. The men might have been men soon passed; and the period to my reflections.

The men might have been men soon passed; and the period to my reflections.

The men might have been misseleves apparent to my mind.

Every feat performed by the linding and answer were seen to the dams—every foray made—was put down to the credit of Occola.

Every feat performed by the linding and answer were seen to the had not been there?

Who were the two men—the

The sequestions startled men and more been the flames?—our family the only one murdered?

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The sequestions startled men to confirm the only one that they did who were the two men—the leaving the savages had been seen. The significant phrase at once the significant phrase at once the minutes spent in preparations—and altoguther there was scarcely and then the forest.

The fresh trail to my mind.

The savages had been seen. The believing the savages to be in confirmed the fact—they could not be a league ahead of us, unless they had ridden faster than we; but that would nave been inspossible, our path often obstructed by lliances sinner? Where is the minutes spon lose the colour and the trunks of the minutes spon lose the colour and the trunks of the minutes spon lose the colour and the savages had the save, the way seen the ball to confirm the forest.

The sequestions and the part—the was scarcely and the save seen

and revenge; and this precluded spoil all. dians scarcely outnumbered us.-Not above fifty appeared to con there. He had been present at the scene of the conflagration; and, as I was told, among the loudest in his threats of vengeance.—
But he had returned home; at all events, he was not one of the band of pursuers.

A rens Ringgold and his fitther had them.'

A lib be dog-goned if I b'lieve with a contemptuous toss of the band. No doubt they were able warriers, and our equals a contemptuous toss of the head.

A limit to the red men and violent it,' rejoined the old hunter with a contemptuous toss of the head.

A lib be dog-goned if I b'lieve situite the band. No doubt they were able warriers, and our equals a lame dyck 'our West;' and hearing he was becoming 'well-to-do,' sent their of pursuers.

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I called Spence and Williams, the victims of a particular and spend questioned them closely.— cial vengeance?

The pursuers of the victims of a particular and spend questioned them closely.— cial vengeance?

The pursuers of the settlement for such a purpose. No one talked of going back; all declared their readiness of the victims of a particular and spend questioned to their statement.

A 'SPLIT TRAIL.

It was not so near as we an ticipated Pressing forward as fast as our guides could lead us, we followed the trial for ten miles ---We had hoped to find revenge at

The Indians either knew that were after them, or, with their wonted craft, were marching rapidly, under suspicion of pursuit.
After the committal of such herrid atrocities, it was natural for

Though the sun was broiling hot, sap still oozed from the boughs they had accidentally broken -the mud turned up by their retribution? No—no—no.

Besides, would Powell have left untouched the dwelling of the Ringgolds? cf Arens Ringgold, in their saddles to await the result.

There was but slight trial of was wet with its own sap, and still was wet with its own sap, and still procumbent.

'Jest half a hour ahead,' re-This of itself was the most improvable circumstance connected with
the whole affair.

when we heard their voices ringing
together in loud peals of laughter.

marked one linearing, as no love
erect after examining the tracks
for the twentieth time—jest half a hour--dog darn 'em! I never know'd red-skins to travel so fast afore. Thar a streaking it like a gang o' sacred bucks, an' jest bout now thar clouts are in a putty cons d'able sweat, an' some o' thar duds is stannin' at an angle o' forty-five, I reckon.

ahead o' us.'

The guide once more mphasis. No, by-

'How?' I inquired. (To be continued.)

in due time they received a reply which effectually 'laid' any hope they pose. No one talked of going which effectually 'laid' any hope they back : all declared their readiness might have entertained of receiving their money. It ran in this wise:

to see your Mother-inlaw born again. Wouldn't I put her out to nurse!'

'What do you think them women

Don't know, replied Sam, what? standin' starin' in, at the pictur' shop ing with soap-suds down at our place, wher I sees a much to their thrift—all animals little bill about it; 'tickets half a keep in condition more easily when crown.' All applications to be made the skin is kept clean and healthy. to the Committee; Secretary, Mrs. Wheller.

When I got home, there was the com-mit-tee a sittin' in our back parlour-fourteen women! I wish you

Oceola was everywhere. Surely he had not been there?

Who were the two men—the witnesses? Not without surprise did I listen to the answer. They were Spence and Williams!

To my surprise, too, I now learn ed that they were among the surprise, to greater mystery, the Ringgold that they were and there only one murdered?

These questions startled me: Others who had been riding care-less who had been riding care-less hewed that they were seen and there distinctly perceptible—shewed that they were seen and there distinctly perceptible—shewed that they were seen and there distinctly perceptible—shewed that they were said in the care of animals be contended?

These questions startled me: Others who had been riding care-lessly in the advance were seen galloping back. It was from these lessly in the advance were seen galloping back. It was from these lessly in the advance were seen galloping back. It was from these lessly in the advance were seen galloping back. It was from these lessly in the advance were seen galloping back. It was from these lessly in the advance were seen galloping back. It was from these lessly in the advance were seen galloping back. It was from these lessly in the advance were seen galloping back. It was from these lessly in the advance were seen was nothing. Presently, every and lookin' wery hard at the chance of sighting the pursued. They was a dyn. I thought it was care rayther singlar, but hows'every, and lookin' were says nothing. Presently, were says nothing. Presently the care of animals be recaptively says nothing. Presently the says nothing. Presently in the care of animals be recaptively says nothing. Presently the care of animals be recaptively says nothing. Presently the care of animals be recaptively says nothing. Presently the care of animals the chance of otherstands, and lookin' wery hard at they were says nothing. Presently the care of sightin it'll says I. did you apply that 'ere obser-wation to me? 'Stead of beggin' my pardon, as any gen'im'n would ha' done, he got more abusive than ever; called me a wessel, Sammy -a wessel of wrath and all sorts o' names. So my blood being reg'larly one. up, I first gave him two or three for himself, and two or three more to hand over to the man with the rednose, and walked off. I wish you nose, and walked off. I wish you could ha' heerd how the women screamed. Sainmy, ven they picked up the Shepherd from under the table'—Here Mr. Wheller senior was 

## EARLY FATTENING OF ANIMALS.

The philosophy of increase of fat in animals is, that the digested food

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not needed to supply waste in the system, is laid up in the form of fat around the muscles, ready to be absorbed again into the circulation if need. Waste is induced by exercise or use of the muscles, and also by combustion in the lungs, of the di-gested food, to supply animal heat. Hence, the same amount of food given in warm weather will, if di-gested, afford a greater surplus of fat than when fed in cold weather. Hogs or other animals intended for fattening should be shut up this mouth. Many advocate making the size of the fattening pen so small How's Mother-in-law this mornin,' enquired Mr. Wheller the younger? to stand or lie. While confinement 'Queer, Sammy, queer,' replied the elder Mr. Wheller with impressive ten, too close quarters are not healthy gravity. She's been gettin' rayther for the animal, which needs moderin the serious order lately, Sammy, ate exercise to promote digestion and she's uncommonly pious, to be The quality of the flesh produced sure. She's too good a creatur' for must be somewhat impaired by any me, Sammy-I feel I don't deserve confinement that interferes with the me, Sammy—I leel I don't deserve confinement that interferes with the her.' Ah,' said Mr. Samuel, 'that's very self-denyin' o' you.' Wery,' replied his Parent, with a sigh. 'She's got hold o' some invention for grown-up people being born again—the new birth, I thinks, food digests much more easily than they galls, it I should very nuch. they calls it. I should very much like to see that system in haction more nourishment, and is also better Sammy. I should very much like relished 'most kinds of stock. Cleanliness n the fattening pens should not be overlooked though pigs proverbially are filthy, does to ther day, what do you think they are not really so; they do not they does? droppings, as any one can see by no-'Goes and gets up a great tea-drink-in' for a feller, they calls their Shep-herd,' said Mr. Wheller. 'I was a An occasional washing and scrub-

### DARK STABLES.

It cannot be doubted that light exthem in view. Weatherford was Upon the supposition that Oceola was the leader of the band, I could not comprehend why he should have left Arens Ringgold to live, while killing those who were scarcely his enemies.

New information, imparted to me as we advanced along the long of the supposition that Oceola was the leader of the some tracks; while Hickman, who band, I could not comprehend why he should have left Arens Ringgold to live, while killing those who were scarcely his enemies.

New information, imparted to me as we advanced along the long tracks as if examining some tracks; while Hickman, who be an witness to the stimulus afforded by its agency; a dark day or a dark long the laughter by an earnest wave of his hand. By Jeroozalim, th'ull hear ye; an' if they do, th'uli be some o' us 'ithout scalps afore sun
New information, imparted to me indicated; we observed as no o' us 'ithout scalps afore sun
New advanced along the long indicated; we observed as no o' us 'ithout scalps afore sun
New advanced along the min view. Weatherford was gazing downwards, as if examining stream to they was, a passin' resolutions, and woth' supplies, and all sorts o' games. Well, what with your Mother-in-law a worrying me to go therin-in-law a worrying me to go and what with my lookin' for ard to secin' some queer starts if I did, I hear ye; an' if they do, th'uli be some o' us 'ithout scalps afore sun
New information, imparted to much more virulent instruction indicated; we observed a number of half-wild normed cattle. could ha' heerd 'em Sammy. There ercises a very important influence near ye; an it they do, th'ult be put my name down for a ticket. At bright substince. Many diseases are some o' us 'ithout scalps afore sundown. For your lives, keep still dresses myself out wery smart, and tions; and the eye especially can as mice—not a word, or we'll be off I goes with the old 'ooman, and not long retain its full power if deheem: that as sharp-eared as that up we walks into a fust floor, where own wolf-dogs; an' darn me if I there was tea things for thirty, and tions on this subject, or from false b'lieve thar more'n half a mile a whole lot o' women as begins a whisperin' to one another, and look-exclude light from the stables of bent in' at me, as if they'd never seen ray- horses and other animals. It is suphimself over the trail; and after a short reconnaissance of the tracks, shring after a short reconnaissance of the tracks, fifty afore. By-and-by there cements in the dark. Where the animal is repeated his last words with more emphasis.

No, by——! not more'n half a mile. Hush, boys; keep as 'Here's the Shepherd a comin' to are troublesome it may also be well cuiet as 'possums, an' I promise ye we'll tree the varmints in less'n a in black with a great white hour, Hush!'

Obedient to the injunctions, Such goin's on Sammy—'The kiss but suffer in various ways. The we rode forward, as silently as it of peace' says the Shepherd, and horse, especially, is very much subwas possible for us to proceed on then he kissed the women all round, ject to diseases of the eye, and there was possible to the domain of the man with the can be but note that the mose began. I was just a think-dency is increased by confining him permanently where the eye, in waking the softer borders of the in whether I hadn't better begin permanently where the eye, in waking the thumbing too—'specially as there was a very ing hours, is strained to an unnatural ex'll sleep the night 'ithout har on ur heads.'

All acknowledged that Hickman's dvice was sage and sound—

The hint was taken; and leav
The hint was taken; and leav
The source borders of the no waster to prevent the thumping to permanently where the eye, in wak
The source so the no waster in the source specially as there was a very nice lady a sittin' next me—ven in comes the tea and your Mother-in
there was but little conversation, law. At it they went, tooth and lage in the use of such stables. The as each was earnestly gazing for-ward, expecting every instant to Sammy, while the tea was a brew-of day is confused and startled, and see the bronzed savages moving before us.

in'; such a grace! such catin' and by his high stepping and half-uncerdrinkin'. I wish you could ha' seen tain manner impresses a novice with them along the trail.

It was evident the marauders could not be far in advance of us; this we knew from the country that the marauders aught of the enemy except their racks.

It was evident the marauders another haif mile, without seeing aught of the enemy except their racks.

In this way we proceeded for the Shepherd walkin' into ham and muffins. I never see such a chap to cat and drink—never. The redness may favor increase of fat, it is not conductive to muscular strength.

> WHAT A GENTLEMAN MAY DO, AND WHAT HE MAY NOT DO.—He may carry a brace of partridges, but not a leg of mutton. He may be seen in the omnibus-box at the opera, but not on the box of an omnibus. He may be seen in a stall inside a theatre, but not in a stall outside one. He may dust another perset, but mustn't brush his own. kill a man in a duel, but he mustn't eat coalneaver, but he mustn't ask