hi Doolittle held a Colonel's commission in the army before the close of the war.

On the banks of the river Raritan, some ten years after the incidents detailed in our story, there stood a fine house, the residence of Col. Doolittle and family, one of the wealthiest farmers in the whole country. He was one of the most hospitable of men, and neither friend or stranger could pass his door without being asked to take a cup of tea, and a slice of short cake made by the fair hands of his wife Molly. There was an old man, too, who sat in the coolest place by the fireside, who for a long time after the close of the war, would advocate the cause of the King, and talk about having somebody arrested for stealing a sorrel horse—at which his daughter would wink slyly to her husband—but he finally came to the conclusion, as peace and plenty crowned the land of freedom, that George Washington was not so much of a rebel after all.

There was an old lady, too, who appeared to never grow tired of praising her son-in-law; and a little boy, the very image of his mother, who, at the close of many a summer's day, would climb upon his father's knee, and say, with a tone of earnest entreaty.

"Now, pa do tell me all about Ensign Spencer, and General Washington and the Hessians, and how you hooked grandpa's horse and 'listed for a soldier."

"Willingly, my son," the Colonel would reply, "but I have related the story over and over again.

Such is one of the many incidents connected with the dark hours of the Revolution. Though purchased with the blood of thousands, is left the legacy of freedom to mankind, and few in those "times which tried men's souls" acquired greater fame in the American cause, than Malachi Doolittle, the blacksmith's apprentice.

Ladies' garments came to grief last Sunday week, in Cincinnati. The morning was clear and beautiful, and the fair worshipers went to the sanctuary in all the glory of the Fall fashions. While they were at their prayers, &c., there came a rain—a cruel rain; and this at the time of the benediction, had reached a point of extending intensity. The damage to the glowing and delightful dry goods is said to have been lamentable. As this catastrophe, if often repeated, would be intensely discouraging, at least, to Man, the Paymaster, we give the subject an earnest thought; and our notion is, that by sufficient exercise of Yankee ingenuity, the *chignon* might be converted into a sort of umbrella, to be expanded at a moist moment, and furled when the rain is over.

The final election for a King of Spain by the Cortes is fixed for the 16th inst.

Mr. Young, Chief of the bureau of statistics, has been designated by the Secretary of the Treasury to attend the Convention of the Governors of the different States on the subject of Immigration.

A correspondent, writing from China, says: "This country is rapidly undergoing the process of civilization. Beer is made at Shanghae, a whisky distillery is going up at Canton, and the first hanging came off in that city with great *eclat*."

"So there's another rupture at Mt. Vociferous," said Mrs. Partington, as she put down the paper, and put up her specs; "the paper tells us about a volcano some running down the mountain, but it don't tell how it got there."

A silver coin in his vest pocket saved the life of a man in Cincinnati. An opponent drew a knife and made a violent thrust at his side, but the coin turned it aside.

The Chinamen are to be prevented from trout fishing in California. The net used by them is so perfect that when they cease fishing in a stream there are no fish left.

The Cincinnati *Times* says that had for the negro vote the State would have gone Democratic by at least 30,000.

Salmon are being caught in the Sacramento River weighing five to ten pounds.

St. Louis youngsters delight in dropping lighted matches into the street letter boxes.

Five millions of cartridges are being made at Springfield, Mass., for the use of the French.

C. M. Chadwick, formerly a theatrical manager in Chicago, and in good circumstances, has just died in Leavenworth jail from the effects of delirium tremens, and a but-room equable.

A publisher has hit upon the original idea of giving "The War of 1870 in Dispatches"—a collection of all the official telegrams of the war, with patriotic poems, and important documents, as supplements.

A letter from Professor Hartdated at Montelegre, on the Amazon, Oct. 4th, says, that he has discovered a coniferous basin on the Tapajos river, and collected an immense number of beautiful fossils. The party has been visited. Excessive heat and rains are necessary.

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