I wish I could break my— Your sister is a lovely child I should say. She must be ... years old. Is she not?'

'She is a child yet, Lieutenant ... fourteen—yet she is more wo... than many girls of eighteen.'

'Only fourteen,' said the pretended lieutenant, musingly. 'I—I had a ... she was fifteen. I knew a child ... perhaps she is dead now—but if she were living she would be fifteen years of age, and the very picture of your sister. And, oddly enough that child's name was the same as your sister's—Gabrielle!'

Mark repressed a start, and turned away his paling face from the keen scrutiny of the scheming villain.

'The child I alluded to,' continued the false lieutenant, 'had black hair and brow eyes; rather a singular combination; but her mother, poor creature, had the same features, and had been a great beauty in her day. She was a New York belle, la belle Gabrielle! but she went insane and wandered away with her child and was never heard of more.

'If you had seen the New York dailies of thirteen years ago,' resumed the false lieutenant, 'you could not have failed to notice a ... advertisement offering a thousand dollars reward for information of the whereabouts of an insane woman and her child.— The reward was afterward increased to five thousand dollars. Did you never hear of the advertisement, Mr Heber?'

'Never,' said Mark. 'How should I have seen it?'

'Ah, yes; you were but a boy at the time. Yet if you lived near New York you might have heard of the disappearance.'

'I did not live near New York.'

'Why, the conductor told me you came from York State,' said the false lieutenant.

'So I did,' responded Mark.

'May I ask from what part?' inquired the villain.

'Certainly,' said Mark. 'I came from the western part of the state.'

May I ask the name of the lady whose disappearance called forth the advertisement of which you speak?'

'Her given name was Gabrielle,' said the pretended officer carelessly. 'If I could get a trace of that insane woman and her child, I would give a thousand dollars out of my own pocket. Think what a start in life that would give a young man like you?'

Mark shrank back, as from the touch of an embodied ...

'I can give you no assistance in your search, Lieutenant Fallon,' he said coldly.

'Permit me ask if Miss Heber is your own sister, born of the same parents as yourself?' demanded the pretended officer abruptly.

'I do not tolerate any intrusion into my private family affairs, Lieut. Fallon,' said Mark haughtily. 'My sister has already been annoyed by your questions in regard to her history, and I must request you to leave us.'

'I beg your pardon, Mr Heber,' said the villain, adding mentally, 'I see this is a sore subject with you.— You have not said that Miss Heber is your own sister. I presume you could not say so truthfully.'

'We will not discuss the matter, sir. Gay Heber is my sister,' and while I live she shall not lack for a protector.'

'Ah, yes,' said the pretended officer, using his favorite phrase of assent.— 'Brothers are not usually so devoted to sisters as you seem to be, Mr. Heber.'

That evening Gay, whose curiosity had been stimulated by what had taken place, to find out something more about her parentage, was examining some jewels which had been left her by her mother, and some trinkets which she had possessed when a child. She had taken them from a little box in the bottom of her trunk, and thought herself perfectly secure under the cover of the wagon, when she suddenly detected the false Lieut. Fallon peering at her through a hole which he had cut in the canvas. All this she reported to Mark.

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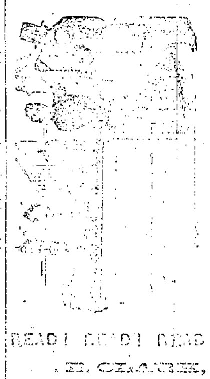

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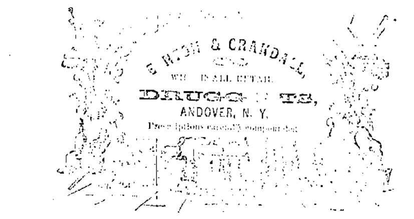

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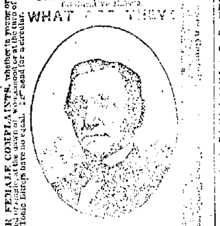

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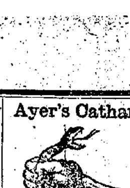

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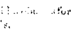

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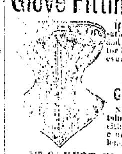

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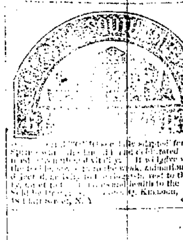

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