

From the Protector.  
**TRUE TO HER FLAG.**  
 An Incident of the Late War.  
 BY FRANK VAUGHAN.

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 It was therefore with a faint heart and lagging step that she descended the school-room stairs, and passing through the narrow corridor that united the two houses, entered Mrs. Van Dora's luxurious and well-appointed drawing-room.

Edward Winthrop's handsome face was clouded with care, as he rose to greet the lady of his love—whose pale cheeks and heavy eyelids told a tale which needed no explanation.

"Virginia, dearest," he said with a faint smile at a smile, "this is and has indeed, Mrs. Van Dora tells me that you are ordered home, and I—I must join my regiment next week."

"You have volunteered then, Edward," she said, drawing rather coldly back from his half-embrace.

"Surely you might have spared me that,"

"My darling, it was impossible," replied the young man firmly. "Why what a craven-hearted coward I should be, to sit at home at ease when our country needs every strong arm and stout heart for its defence. The haughty down of that flag at Sumter," he continued, walking rapidly up and down the room as he spoke, "has set the blood boiling in my veins to that extent that nothing but a rebel bayonet will cool it down again. The villain, the cold-hearted, ungrateful villain, to dishonor the flag that our forefathers bought for us with their blood! Forgive me, Virginia," he added more calmly, "forgive me, dearest; I did not mean to wound your feelings."

"It matters very little, Edward," replied the girl in a low and sad voice. "Must be and now between us two. With my father and brother in the Southern army, there is no way that you and I can ever be caught but strangers to each other."

"Yes, Virginia, there is one way," replied the young man passionately. "Be mine, my wife, now, at once, without delay or hesitation, let me know we can be married at my father's house, and then, dearest, our home, our country, our interests will all be one, and this rendering sunder of heart and soul need never take place. Oh, dearest, he whispered, as he drew her to his side with the gentle sheltering gesture so dear to woman's heart, "be persuaded, leave all and cling to me, and believe me, you will regret all you regret."

For a moment the love that was strong within her overmastered every other feeling in Virginia's heart, and she glanced up lovingly and half-consentingly into her lover's face. The next, her Southern blood was up in arms, and springing back from his embrace, she dashed the tears from her eyes and exclaimed, while the blood rushed in torrents over her face, "Shame on me! for allowing my selfish love for you to blot out the memory of my own native State, and the heaven-born justice of her cause. No, Edward, until the South is free I will never again listen to words of love even from your lips. Perhaps better days may come," she said in a softened tone as she glanced up at Winthrop's grave, and face, "but meantime we have both our work to do, and must try to forget ourselves and each other. Good-by, and God bless you," she added, extending her hand, which Winthrop took and pressed repeatedly to his lips.

Then, without another word, without even turning his head for a last look, the strong man passed out into the gloom and darkness alone.

II.  
 Four years have done their work since Virginia Fairfax and Edward Winthrop parted; years in which one incessant drum-roll has sounded through the length and breadth of our land. Armed men have sprung up from plough and forge, from loom and wheel, from desk and counter, and done us gallant service as ever did belted knight or doughty squire in the days of chivalry long past. During those four years, the soil of Virginia has been saturated with blood, and her mountains and valleys, her plains and villages, have echoed and re-echoed with the roar of artillery, the clatter of horsemen, and the clink of sabres. Now the end of the war is nigh; from East and West, from North and South the vast armies of the North have gathered round the city of the seven hills, which is doomed to soon to fall.

It was early in March of 1865, that a Federal prisoner, bound restlessly upon his bed of straw in one of the wards of the Libby Prison, while the hospital nurse, a superannuated negress, passed in and out, up and down, closing the eyes of the dead and administering the few remedies prescribed for the living, but doing nothing whatever to relieve the mortal agony of those who had languished long on those hospital pallets praying for death.

"For the love of Heaven, give me a drop of water to cool my lips," said the man, as the ancient negress glared vindictively upon him, and passed him by.

At this moment the door opened, and a hospital sister, whose young fair face had lost all its bloom in the years of sorrow and privation, passed up the ward in the direction of the sufferer's bed.

"It's a new one come in last night, Miss Virgy," said the nurse, "and I reckon he ain't got no more to hear than he's richly earned; besides, he waste none of your good things, giving poor white trash as him, honey. Keep it for our own boys—want it a whole heap more."

And the woman looked indignantly at the small basket Virginia carried in her hand.

"Well, there's no need to stifle them, Aunt Phillis," she replied in a vexed tone. "Open the window and let in the fresh air from the river. The ward is worse than the Black Hole of Calcutta."

To be continued.

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