Melancholy Music, A Grim Corsete

By MAY WINSTON CALDWELL

The FIRST thing I remember about Nash- ville during the Civil War was the excitement when my eldest sister and one of our cousins came running home from church one Sunday morning in 1862 with the news that Fort Donelson had fallen and the Federal prisoners were to be paraded on the Cumberland River.

I, a little girl of five or six years old, had never before seen any Union soldiers, and by description they were said to be fine-looking young men, for whom we children had a great admiration.

My bright eyes were rare yet curiosity overrode caution as I made preparations for a journey. We walked to the public square where we were met by a group of women and children, all of whom were carrying baskets and boxes of food to be distributed among the captives.

We were told to cross the river at the foot of the Second Street Bridge, and that if we were to arrive at the right time we would be able to see the prisoners. We were excited and eager to see the men, but also a little afraid of what we might find.

At last we reached the bridge and, as we walked across the span, I noticed that the water was low and that the waves were not as strong as I had expected. I took a deep breath and continued on, my heart pounding with excitement.

As we approached the opposite shore, I could hear the sound of music and see the lights of a tent city in the distance. I knew we had arrived.

We found our way to a tent and, as we entered, I was amazed by the number of men inside. They were all dressed in military uniforms and were standing in rows, waiting for us.

The music began to play, and I could hear the notes of a tune that I had heard before. It was the song "Dixie," and it seemed to fill me with a sense of pride and patriotism.

The music continued to play, and I could see the men on the other side of the river watching us. They seemed to be enjoying the music as much as we were.

As I turned to look back at the city, I could see the fort in the distance, and I knew that we had made it all worthwhile.

May Winston was a little girl when the Civil War came to Nashville. She lived in a big plantation house on Fifth Avenue, South, on the hill just north of the Old City Cemetery. Her mother was related to George Rogers Clark.

When she grew up, May was married to Nashville financier James E. Caldwell, and she became the mistress of the mansion Longview, on Franklin Road. She became a leader in the activities of the DAR and other historical societies, and was the moving spirit in the restoration of the Old City Cemetery and the monument overlooking the battlefield at Nashville.

She Caldwell lived long and prospered, and in 1911 she published "Beautiful and Historic Homes Around Nashville." In 1912, recalling her memories of the Civil War as a child, she published a little book for her children, "A Chapter From the Life of a Little Girl of the Confederacy." This story, just as she wrote it, is taken from the pages of that book.

Tales of the War

This picture of serious-faced little May Winston was taken about the time of the Civil War, when she was the "munch funeral" of Aka Lincoln.

IF YOU LIKE STORIES ABOUT THE OLD DAYS, all you have to do is sit around Jack Daniel's sawmill at breaktime.

One of the stories you're bound to hear is about how Jack Daniel first made the charcoal he used to smooth out his sippin' whiskey. He sawed up the hard maple, nicked it, and burned it right up in the woods. Then later he built a sawmill in the Hollow and did it all, and the charcoal that results is exactly the same. You can count on our old-timers to make sure of that.

Fast-Firing repeaters

Gave Feds Advantage

WILSON'S Union cavalry, as usual, at the Battle of Nashville, associated with the Spanish-American War in 1898, where they were some of the men in the infantry division of the Federal Department of Georgia. In the Battle of Nashville they were victorious, and it was considered a great triumph for the Union forces.

The Union forces were able to use the sawmill at the Jack Daniel Distillery to produce the charcoal they needed for the sawmill, and this allowed them to continue their operations and fight the Confederates.

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