A 'Secesh Scratch-Cat' Finally Married a Yank

HOW DID Nashville's girls take to the boys in blue, who ruled the city with military pluck and snap for three long years?

It's safe to say that the girls who 'stayed home' saved the reputation for the Confederate soldiery in general. But the majority of them, like their Southern brothers, found their way to the Front. And the majority of the girls who took up work did so to relieve the Southern boys from the toil of the cotton fields.

A few of the local girls did not care to stay at home, and when the war was over they found themselves in love with young men who had been soldiers.

One of the best stories is that of Miss Mary Wilson, who met and married a Confederate soldier when he was stationed in Nashville during the war.

The Wilson family lived in a small cottage on the outskirts of the city, where they had been forced to take refuge during the conflict.

The cottage was surrounded by fields of cotton, and the young soldier often spent his leisure hours there, helping the Wilsons with their work.

One day, as he was working in the fields, he noticed a young girl who had come to help the Wilsons with their chores.

She was beautiful, and her eyes were full of love for the young soldier.

He asked her to marry him, and she agreed, even though she knew it would mean leaving her family and her home.

The Wilsons were happy for their daughter, and they helped her prepare for her new life as a soldier's wife.

The couple was married in a simple ceremony, and the soldier's family welcomed the young woman into their home.

The years passed, and the soldier returned home after the war, changed in many ways, but still in love with his beautiful wife.

They spent the rest of their lives together, raising their children and looking back on the war with fondness.

Their story is just one of many that tell of the love and sacrifice of Confederate soldiers and their families.