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WHEN I MEAN TO MARRY.

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When do I mean to marry?—Well—
'Tis idle to dispute with fate;
But if you choose to hear me tell,
Fray listen while I fix the date:

When daughters haste with eager feet,
A mother's daily toil to share:
Can make the puddings which they eat,
And mend the stockings which they wear;

When maidens look upon a man
As in himself what they would marry,
And not as army soldiers scan
A sutler or a commissary;

When gentle ladies who have got
The offer of a lover's hand,
Consent to share his "earthly lot,"
And do not mean his lot of land;

When young mechanics are allowed
To find and wed the farmer's girls
Who don't expect to be endowed
With rubies, diamonds and pearls,

When wives, in short, shall freely give
Their hearts and hands to aid their spouses,
And live as they were wont to live,
Within their sires' one-story houses;

Then, madam—if I'm not too old—
Rejoiced to quit this lonely life,
I'll brush my beaver, cease to scold,
And look about me for a wife!

Eloquent and Soul Stirring
SPEECH OF MR. WAUL,
OF TEXAS,
In Presenting the Secession Ordinance of Texas to the Southern Congress.

Mr. Waul, of Texas—I send to your desk, Mr. President, a communication from the president of the convention of the people of Texas, and an ordinance adopted by the people in convention assembled, by which that state has become a member of this confederacy. The people of that state, sir, did not know at the time of the adoption of that ordinance, of the confidence with which this congress had reposed in their fidelity and devotion to the rights of the South; they did not know that you had already admitted the members of that state to a seat to your counsels and deliberations; and that even before the proclamation which is submitted was made, her delegates were admitted to all the privileges of members upon the floor of this congress. The people of Texas will not soon forget such confidence reposed in their patriotism; they will ever remember with pride the fact that before the proclamation of their secession was issued, their state was already represented by one of the stars that shine in the galaxy of this confederacy. The people of Texas begin, sir, the revolution which has so gloriously resulted in the confederacy of states, under the guidance of those principles contained in the Declaration of Independence under which our fathers maintained their liberty, that all governments must derive their just authority from the consent of the governed. This revolution, like the torrents down the mountain side, gathered as they flowed, until as a mighty river it swept irresistibly all before it. The voice of the people came up like the roar of many waters, drowning the gurgling brooks and bubbling rills that attempted to swell their notes in opposition. It is known that a distinguished citizen of Texas was unfortunately at the helm of state, and in this hour of triumph, ere the song of triumph has died from our ears, I would do justice to Texas and to my own feelings did I attempt to pluck one leaf from the wreath that surrounds his brow, or place one blot upon the page of history illumined by his name. He and the people of his state have differed, he appealed to their generosity, and no man ever made it in vain; he was elected our governor. Let us hope that it was devotion to a Union he loved not wisely but too well, that placed him in opposition to a people who had ever honored him. When the news fell upon the ears of our people that Lincoln was elected; when it was known that South Carolina, the farthest from us in distance, would secede; that she stood like a knight in armor from head to heel, with visor down and lance in rest—another Curtius, ready to spring into the yawning chasm, willing to sacrifice himself for the liberties of his country—Texas became thoroughly aroused, and like the well trained, high mettled steed when the charge is sounded, who swells beyond the measure of his girth, throws the feeble horseman, and, with bit in his teeth, rushes to the van of battle—so Texas sought her place in the grand array of southern chivalry. When Texas permitted her territory to be divided in 1851, many of bold sons felt the

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