

The KENNESAW GAZETTE

VIEW OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

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A humorous dare-devil--the very man to suit my purpose.—BULWER.

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For Robinson Crusoe.

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Twenty odd years ago when the writer remembers hearing "Billy Barnes" recite, given for the benefit of the sick and wounded in Confederate hospitals, the song, "Robinson Crusoe." It always created great interest from the inimitable manner in which he sang, and thinking that it would call back some old-time memories to some of our readers, it is herein re-produced.)

was a lad, my fortune was bad,
and father I did lose, Oh!
you a can you've heard of the man,
um it was Robinson Crusoe.

CHORUS:

! poor Robinson Crusoe,
! poor Robinson Crusoe,
inky-ting tang, tinkly-ting tang,
! poor Robinson Crusoe.

read in a book of a voyage he took
the raging whirlwinds blew, so
e ship with a shock fell plump on
rock,
drowning poor Robinson Crusoe.
! poor Robinson Crusoe, etc.

! none but he escaped on the sea,—
ate! Fate! how could you do so?—
length he was thrown on an island
unknown,
h received poor Robinson Crusoe.
! poor Robinson Crusoe, etc.

aved from on board, a gun and a
word,
another old matter or two, so
dint of his thrift he managed to
hilt.

! well for poor Robinson Crusoe.
! poor Robinson Crusoe, etc.

ted something to eat, and couldn't
get meat
attle away from him flew, so
it for his gun he'd been surely un-
lone,
starved would poor Robinson Crusoe.
! poor Robinson Crusoe, etc.

happened to save from the merciless
vave,
or parrot, I assure you 'tis true, so
hen he came home, from a wearisome
oam,
cry out, "Poor Robinson Crusoe."
! poor Robinson Crusoe, etc.

e got all the wood that ever he could,
stuck it together with glue, so
e made him a hut, in which he might
out
carcass of Robinson Crusoe.
! poor Robinson Crusoe, etc.

his man, Friday, kept the house snug
and tidy
be sure 'twas his business to do, so
ived friendly together, less like ser-
vant than neighbor
d Friday and Robinson Crusoe.
! poor Robinson Crusoe, etc.

he wore a large cap, and a coat with-
out nap,
a beard as long as a Jew, so



HEROIC ACT OF SERGEANT COLLIER, AT KENNESAW MOUNTAIN.

That by all that's civil, he looked like a
devil
More than poor Robinson Crusoe.

Oh! poor Robinson Crusoe, etc.

At length, within hail, he saw a stout sail,
And he took to his little canoe, so
When he reached the ship, they gave him
a trip,
Back to England brought poor Robinson
Crusoe.

Oh! poor Robinson Crusoe, etc.

Heroic Act of a Soldier.

We herewith show a cut illustrating
the gallant act of a Georgia sergeant
at the battle of Kennesaw Mountain,
June 27th, 1864. A shell fell inside
the trenches, with the fuse smoking,
and within a fraction of a minute later
would have exploded, dealing death
and destruction for probably twenty or
thirty feet on each side of it up
and down the ditch.

Sergeant Isaac P. Collier, of the
5th Georgia Regiment, seeing it, in
the place of stampeding like those on
either side o him, sprang forward,
seized it and hurled it out of the
trenches, and within a few seconds it
exploded scattering the dirt on all sides.

For this heroic act General Hardee
ordered that he be promoted to the

position of Lieutenant in one of the
other companies which had lost one of
its Lieutenants. The modest hero,
however, declined the promotion, and
stated that he preferred to stay with
his comrades with whom he had start-
ed out and who had been his partners
in danger and toil ever since.

Rocky Face Ridge as a Military Stronghold.

In reading General Joseph E. John-
ston's "Narrative" of the operations of
the Confederate army under his com-
mand we notice that he makes the
point that Dalton is not naturally a
strong point for military defense; and
he states that it can only be effectually
defended against superior numbers by
reason of their moving to the west of
Dalton instead of to the north.

We think if any one will study the
military geography of Dalton and vi-
cinity he will be forced to the conclu-
sion that General Johnston was right.
The only value of Rocky Face as a
defensive barrier was against an army
operating on the west. This was the
direction in which Sherman came;
and that it was impregnable to assault
was demonstrated to him,

Had General Sherman in starting
with his army from Chattanooga to
open the campaign against Johnston's
army, moved via Cleveland, thence
southward, Rocky Face Ridge would
have been of no value whatever to the
Confederates, inasmuch as Sherman's
march would have been directly par-
allel to it through the gently undulat-
ing country which lies on its east side,
and he would have had a railroad be-
hind him all the way.

He could have had his supplies sent
from Chattanooga up to Cleveland,
thence from Cleveland down toward
Dalton or he could have drawn them
by rail from Knoxville; and with his
largely superior numbers he could
have swept the Confederates out of
Dalton with almost no pretense of fight-
ing on their part.

For some reason, best known to him-
self, he discarded this plan, and moved
down the Western & Atlantic Rail-
road to Tunnel Hill, thence southward
a few miles through Buzzard Roost
valley, until he struck the famous
ridge above referred to, which towers
many hundred feet above the valley in
which his army was operating.

After fighting for several days with
the Confederates who were posted in
Mill-Creek Gap on this side he sent
McPherson through Snake-Creek Gap
to force Johnston to evacuate Dalton
by reason of the danger of having com-
munications cut. McPherson's move-
ment having failed, so far as breaking
the railroad was concerned, General
Sherman determined to move his
entire army through Snake-Creek Gap.

This compelled him to cut loose
from the railroad, and to carry several
days' supplies in knapsacks of the sol-
diers and in wagons, and resulted of
course in more marching for the soldi-
ry, and in having rougher work so far
as overcoming physical difficulties was
concerned.

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Think of it! You can leave Cincinnati
after breakfast and get to Atlanta be-
fore bed time that day if your ticket
reads over the W. & A. R. R.

The only sleeping cars, Nasauville to
Atlanta, run over the W. & A. R. R.