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*Negro Fidelity*.—We take pleasure in recording the subjoined instance of love and fidelity in a slave to his master, it being the fifth of the kind in the same family connexion. The faithful and attached fellow is the slave of Capt. FRANCIS MARION DWIGHT, a South Carolinian by birth, but now a resident of Georgia, who was among the paroled prisoners at Vicksburg:

SUNNY SIDE, August, 1863.

Dear ———: I wrote you so hurriedly that I don't think I told you of the addition of another black hero to our family. The Yankees took Patrick from Frank, as he was marching out of Vicksburg. Patrick cried bitterly, on his separation from his master, but it did not move a Yankee heart. He was taken to Gen. Logan's headquarters, and offered many inducements to stay with the Yankees. He says they offered him a hundred dollars a month and a gun to shoot his master. He indignantly rejected the proposal, saying—"Wha' sort a nigger you tek me to be—go shoot my massa, I lub—I tell you, if I git way, I wont stay wid you for a thousand dollars a day". He said—"Missis—I nebber cus white man befo', but I cus 'em den". He was kept at Gen. L.'s headquarters all day, and at night, he made his escape, and went to Lieut. Suttles, of Frank's Company, who was left badly wounded, at Vicksburg. Lieut. S. passed Patrick as his own servant, and, as wounded men were allowed to carry out their servants, he brought Patrick out with him. Even after he got home, Patrick seemed scared. Poor fellow, he was wise for once. He told his captors—"You'ij seed me wid soft corn now, den bum by you'll choke me wid de cob"; whereupou, he says, they called him "a bad sassy nigger".