

A RUNAWAY

from Waynesboro Record of June 7

A youth, about 19 years of age, who have his name as Richard Hutchinson, who had part of his left arm off, passed through our town the other day. He said he came from the Orphans' Homestead at Gettysburg, and he made some statement in reference to the treatment of the orphans there, which, if correct, would seem to show that the Home in question is no credit either to Gettysburg or to whomever manages it. The appearance of the boy did not speak favorably for the institution alluded to, for though direct from it, his clothing seemed extremely dirty; he had no shoes on, except a pair of low gum over-shoes, and he said he had no shoes at all, not even attending church on Sunday. One of his statements was that his sister Lizzie, now a young lady over 17 years of age, who is an inmate there, and also another girl near the same age, Bella Hunter, have been compelled by the matron to wear boys' clothes--pantaloons and jacket or roundabouts--for some time past, two months or more, and they still have to go thus attired. This for punishment. The crime of these two girls he said was that each of them had in some way got her dress torn!

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It is very well to strew flowers upon the graves of dead heroes, as was done at Gettysburg on Wednesday of last week; but, if this youth's information is correct, it seems that the Orphans of soldiers can be oppressed in the Home close by the National Cemetery--may pine and long for the treatment of civilized life, and apparently none to help or care for them.

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