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Forgotten Books, 2017. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from One of Many It was quite as daring a thing which Lieu tenant Cushing now proposed to do. He had already on a reconnaissance found that the rebel confidence was so great that when grazing the very face of the forts he had received no challenge, and therefore on this night he took twenty men, entered the Cape Fear River, and pulled directly up to Smithville, the rebel head-quarters, landing before the hotel, perhaps twenty-five yards from the fort, and hiding his men on the shore. Obtaining from a negro at a salt work on the bank the requisite information, with two of his O?icers he crept at midnight, when not a sound disturbed the air, up the principal street to the commanding general s residence, a large house, with verandas, Op posite the barracks, where, about fifteen yards off, lay twelve hundred men without a dream of danger. There had been a gay gathering, apparently, in the house that evening, and delaying till after the guests had gone and the occupants might be sup posed to sleep, Lieutenant Cushing noise lessly...





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