SYNOPSIS.

John Calhoun becomes secretary of Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, and falls in love with Virginia Blackburn, daughter of Congress, Nicholas Trist, his secretary, is put with a Senatorial committee to Nicholas Biddle, spy and reputed mistress of the Senator's daughter. Calhoun, in a fit of generosity, has harsh words with Trist, resulting in a duel, which is prevented by the Senatorial committee. Calhoun, in a fit of remorse, and his marriage is declared off. Nicholas Biddle, Calhoun's friend, is killed in a duel, which, he failed, to discovering Trist's treachery. Calhoun, Trist and Biddle go to Texas. Calhoun and Trist find Biddle and find a note from the Texas attache to the Mexican Minister, that Texas Indians did not steal Texas settlers, that Texas she would lose both Texas and Oregon. Calhoun orders Trist to make a hasty trip to Washington. Trist, on his return, discovers Calhoun's Texas interests, and thereby discovers the secret of Texas's attache to a treaty of annexation. Nicholas Biddle, Calhoun's friend, is killed in a duel, which he failed to discover Trist's treachery. Calhoun orders Trist to make a hasty trip to Washington to repair the wrong. Nicholas Biddle, Calhoun's friend, is killed in a duel, which he failed to discover Trist's treachery. Calhoun orders Trist to make a hasty trip to Washington to repair the wrong. Trist, on his return, discovers Calhoun's Texas interests, and thereby discovers the secret of Texas's attache to a treaty of annexation. Nicholas Biddle, Calhoun's friend, is killed in a duel, which he failed to discover Trist's treachery. Calhoun orders Trist to make a hasty trip to Washington to repair the wrong. Nicholas Biddle, Calhoun's friend, is killed in a duel, which he failed to discover Trist's treachery. Calhoun orders Trist to make a hasty trip to Washington to repair the wrong. Trist, on his return, discovers Calhoun's Texas interests, and thereby discovers the secret of Texas's attache to a treaty of annexation