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For Harrisburg, Pittsburg and the West, 9.42 a. m., week days only.

For Baltimore, Washington and points south 1.19, 7.03, 8.07, 9.18 a. m., 1.47 p. m. Sunday, 1.19, 7 06 a. m., 9.48 p m.

For Philadelphia—1.19, 7.03, 8.07, 9.18 a. m 12.07, 1.47, 5.45 and 8.01 p. m. sundays—1.19, 7.06, 8.10, 10.50 a. m., 5.33, 7.38 and 9.48 p. m.

For Cape May—1.47, p. m.

For Atlantic City—1.47 p. m.

For Trenton—1.19, 7.03, 7.30, 8.07, and 9.18 a. m. 12.07, 1.47, 3.03, 5.45, 8.01 p. m. Sundays, 1.19, 7.06, 9.15, 10 50 a. m., 5.33, 7.38 and 9.48 p. m.

For New Brunswick—1.19, 7.03, 7.30, 8.07, and 10.18 a. m., 12.07, 1.47, 3.03, 3.55, 4.46, 5.36, 5.45, 6.36, 8.01, 11.13 p. m. Sundays—1.19, 7.06, 10.09, 10.50 a. m., 1.03, 3.03, 5.33, 6.36, 7.38, 9.35, and 9.48 p. m.

For Metuchen — 1.19, 7.20, 8.49, 10.18 and 11.48 a. m., 12.07, 1.54, 3.18, 3.55, 4.46, 5.36, 5.45, 6.36, 8.58, 8.01, 11.13 p. m. Sundays,—1.19, 8.49, 10.09 a. m., 1.03, 3.03, 5.33, 5.33, 6.36, 7.38 and 9.35 p. m.

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New York, North and East, 7.30 a. m.

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Philadelphia and Way, 3.45 a. m.

Through Southern and West, 8.45 a. m.

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Mails close for all points at 6.45 p. m.

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Office open at 7.00 a. m.; close at 7.30 p m

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Office open on Sunday from 9 to 10 a. m.

MONEY ORDERS,

Can be obtained at this office payable at and money order office in the United States or Foreign countries at the following rates: Not exceeding $5, 3 cents; $5 to $10, 5 cents; $10 to $15, 7 cents; $15 to $20, 8 cents. Money orders issued at this office on Sundays only. On all other days, except Sundays, at Perth Amboy, Matawan, Long Branch, Red Bank, Freehold, Keyport, Hightstown, Jamesburg, Spotswood, Milltown, Dunellen, Metuchen, Woodbridge, Avenel, Iselin, Menlo Park, Edgar's, Spa Springs, Lakewood, Farmingdale, Manasquan, Point Pleasant, Bay Head, Toms River, Beverly, Delanco, Palmyra, Riverton, Merchantville, Haddonfield, Berlin, Atlantic City, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Stone Harbor, Anglesea, Wildwood, Holly Beach, Cape May, Rio Grande, Woodbury, Glassboro, Mullica Hill, Swedesboro, Paulsboro, Woodstown, Pennsville, Salem, Carney's Point, Penns Grove, Pedricktown, Auburn, Woodstown, Alloway, Quinton, Hancocks Bridge, Monmouth Junction, Jamesburg, Dayton, Manalapan, Englishtown, Freehold, Farmingdale, Squankum, Farmingdale, Farmingdale, Farmingdale

National Democrat.

RAHWAY, N. J., DEC. 20th, 1889.

The dates for the meeting of the next Legislature and the inauguration of Gov. Abbett, will be the latest that they can possibly occur—the former being the second Tuesday in January, (the 14th), and the latter the third Tuesday (the 21st)—the month commencing on Wednesday.

Parties in the first ward who owe taxes and assessments that have been adjusted, are reminded in an advertisement from the Treasurer, published in another column, that he is now prepared to receive the same. If not settled within sixty days from the 7th of December, interest will be added.

The Adjustment Commissioners expect to have the report for the Second Ward completed and presented to Judge Magie on Saturday of this week. They have already commenced on the Third Ward, which will, doubtless, be the most tedious one, being not only the largest, but having some knotty complications to unravel.

A Republican deputy internal revenue collector does not appear to materialize yet, for this county. It is said that the Rahway aspirants have became discouraged, and the latest report is that it is to be an Elizabeth man. In the meantime collector Connolly holds on, having received another appointment some days ago.

The contest over the County Clerkship of Middlesex is not yet settled. After much testimony before Judge Scudder, the question has been raised as to the legality of his considering the matter in the circuit, the contention being that it should have been taken to the supreme court. Argument on that question was heard by him on Monday, and he has not yet given a decision.

Some quibbler, we are informed, is dilating upon the unconstitutionality of the compromising of the indebtedness of bankrupt cities. It is not worth while to discuss such questions with those who are constantly trying to interpose some obstacle in the way of our compromise, but it may be well to remind these "kickers" that the courts of this state have recognized the propriety of the compromise by making orders to adjust liabilities of such cities, that have come under the jurisdiction of such court—not only in the case of Rahway, but of Elizabeth.

The Republicans of South Jersey are not "backward in coming forward" for the offices in the gift of the next Senate. It appears to be conceded that Nevius of Monmouth is to be President, and then we have 'Gus Barber, of Gloucester, "on the slate" for secretary, Isaac T. Nichols, Cumberland, for Assistant clerk, J. H. Clothier, of Burlington, engrossing clerk, and the irrepressible Jim Scovel, of Camden, for sergeant-at-arms—all of them newspaper men. It is said that Union has been promised "a show" for the latter position, but if the South Jersey Senators stand together the other parts of the State will not have much chance.

Some years ago certain assessments for sewers were declared by the Supreme Court to have been unconstitutionally laid, and since that time in some of the cities of the state such assessments have in some case been compromised by the owners of the property paying a nominal sum. In Elizabeth the Adjustment Commissioners adjusted some such assessments, and interested parties objected on account of the previously declared unconstitutionality. The Supreme Court has now decided that the Commissioners had a right to make such adjustment, there being only two essentials to give them jurisdiction. First, that the improvement has been made, and an assessment imposed, or attempted to be imposed; and second, that payment thereof has not been made. In fact the Martin Act distinctly provides that the commissioners "shall adjust without regard to any supposed want of jurisdiction, invalidity, irregularity or defect in any of the proceedings had for the laying, imposing or confirming of any of said taxes, assessments or water rates so in arrears."

DON'T WANT MOLLIE.—We learn from the Trenton *True American* that the State Library Commissioners held a meeting on Tuesday, at which the purchase of the picture of Mollie Pitcher, owned by Hon. Joseph T. Crowell, of this city, was considered. Mr. Crowell, we believe, paid $3,000 for the picture, and offered to sell it to the State for $3,500. In 1884 the Legislature passed a joint resolution authorizing the Commissioners to purchase the picture but, after viewing it on Tuesday they decided to decline Mr. Crowell's proposition.

The law authorizing the purchase of this painting, continues in force, and it is probably an amendment will be applied for making the purchase direct, as it is claimed by Mr. Crowell that the authorization to the commissioners to purchase and an appropriation of the money necessary, was equal to a command, mandatory terms not being used out of courtesy. The language is the same as contained in the act of Congress *authorizing* the President to contract with John Trumbull, for the picture painted by him.

BALLOT REFORM.

We believe there is not a respectable citizen in the country who is not in favor of some reform in the manner of voting at elections, which will prevent the corruption that has been growing for years. At the next session of the Legislature of this state measures will be considered to effect that reform, and it is desired that the members of the Legislature shall have strong backing from the people in that direction. The Ballot Reform Association of Hudson County, a non partisan organization, is active in this matter and has prepared a petition as printed below, which it is desired to have signed as directed, and those who wish to be particularly active in the good work should cut it out, paste it on a sheet of paper, and after securing as many signatures as possible, send the list.

BALLOT REFORM PETITION.

To the Honorable the Legislature
of the State of New Jersey:

I am heartily in favor of a genuine BALLOT REFORM BILL, and urgently request the passage of the same.

Name..............................

Address..............................

Please sign, cut out, and mail at once to

J. T. ALTEMUS,
Sec'y Hudson Co. Ballot Reform Ass'n,
217 YORK ST., JERSEY CITY.

A CHANCE TO BOOM RAHWAY.

We last week referred to the fact that, Mr. Agate, a representative of the New York *World*, was in Rahway, for the purpose of making observations preparatory to "writing up" the city for that newspaper. Having gotten matters pretty well in shape, a number of our business men and property owners were invited to meet him at Room 10, Rahway House, on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of further discussing the plans for thus publishing Rahway's advantages, as offered to manufacturing establishments, those seeking a pleasant residence, builders, real estate investors, etc.

Of course the *World* is not such a philanthropist as to send a representative here to do this work, and to devote several of its columns for our benefit, without any cost, and one object of the above noted meeting was to ascertain if our people would be willing to contribute to a fund sufficient to secure the publication of such a descriptive article. Owing to the stormy weather on that evening, the lecture and other engagements, many of those who are most interested were not in attendance, but those present took hold of the matter in a proper spirit, and several pledges of $50 and $25 were made. As one of our business men remarked, "if the article only resulted in the bringing of an additional family, or the erecting of a new building, he might be benefitted more than his $50 contributed." This is the proper way to look at the subject, and, as Mr. Agate calls upon our citizens who were not present at the meeting, it is hoped he will receive liberal encouragement. As the description is charged for by the column, the larger the fund raised the fuller will be the description, and the more numerous the illustrations.

The *World* has described several localities in this way, and always to their great benefit, in some cases inducing a number of manufactories to locate at the place. Some of our real estate men have frequently agitated the idea of advertising the advantages of Rahway in the New York papers, and now that the opportunity is offered they should not let it slip, or allow it to be imperfectly done, for lack of proper encouragement.

It is proper to state, probably, that the *World* did not send a representative here of its own accord, but upon solicitation of one of our well known citizens, who believes it will be a great advantage to the city.

It was at first proposed to have the article published in next Sunday's edition, but it has been impossible to get it ready by that time, and the Sunday following has now been fixed upon as the date of publication.

Any one who may desire to assist this project, and who may be overlooked by the representative, can report to the editor of the DEMOCRAT.

THE MANAGERS LIABLE.

Last week Chancellor McGill filed an opinion in the case of Washington B. Williams, receiver of the Mechanics' and Laborers' Savings Bank, of Jersey City, against the Board of Managers of the bank. It is a very lengthy document, occupying sixty-eight pages, written with a typewriter. The managers are charged with liabilities for losses to the bank while they were managers, and suit is brought to recover therefor. The right to the relief asked is based upon the alleged negligence of these officers in the management of the affairs of the bank in the investment of moneys on insufficient landed security; in loaning of other moneys on mere personal security; in permitting the President of the bank, John Hallard, to withdraw without giving adequate security, and to apply to his own use the funds of the bank. The Chancellor decides that all the managers were negligent of duty and should be held liable, the primary responsibility, as between those who were not individually concerned in it resting with the members of the Executive Committee who were expressly charged with the general supervision of the bank and the examination of its books, accounts and securities. He does not think that one director is more responsible than another. The President and Treasurer are particularly blamed. After the President, he thinks the liability for losses should fall upon the Executive Committee, had it not changed so much as to make it impossible to apportion the loss.

This decision of the Chancellor's causes some fluttering among Savings Bank Managers and will tend to make them more careful in the future.

BIG BRIDGES.—A bill was introduced in Congress on Monday, by Senator Hiscock, of New York, authorizing the New Jersey Bridge and Railway Company to build a pivot draw or lifting bridge across Staten Island Sound or Arthur Kull from the town of Westfield, Staten Island, to a point in Middlesex county, N. J., to be used for wagon and railroad purposes—all railroad companies desiring to use it to be granted equal facilities. The same company is also authorized to build a suspension or cantilever bridge over the Kill von Kull, from the north side of Third street and York avenue, New Brighton, to a point at or near Constables' Point, N. J. This is to be not less than 127½ feet in the clear at mean high water with a channel span six hundred feet. Both bridges are declared to be post routes.

THE G. A. R.

The following characteristic letter sent by ex-President Cleveland to a G. A. R. Post in Pennsylvania, shows that his "head is level" upon that subject as well as other important questions:

NEW YORK, Oct. 24, 1889.—E. W. Fosnot, Esq.—Dear Sir: Applications such as you make in your letter of the 23d instant are so numerous that it is impossible to comply with them all. You ask that Mrs. Cleveland or I shall contribute something to be "voted off" at the coming fair to be held by Post 176 of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania, and you state that the purpose of the fair is to increase the charity fund of the Post.

I do not know what your idea is as to the thing which we should send, and do not care to assume that anything which we might contribute to be "voted off" would be of especial value to the cause for which the fair is to be held. But it is so refreshing in these days, when the good that is in the G. A. R. is often prostituted to the worst purposes, to know that at least one Post proposes by its efforts to increase its efficiency as a charitable institution, that I gladly send a small money contribution in aid of this object.

No one can deny that the Grand Army of the Republic has been played upon by demagogues for partisan purposes, and has yielded to insidious blandishments to such an extent that it is regarded by many good citizens whose patriotism and fairness cannot be questioned as an organization which has wandered a long way from its avowed design. Whether this idea is absolutely correct or not, such a sentiment not only exists, but will grow and spread unless *within the organization* something is done to prove that its objects are not partisan, unjust and selfish.

In this country where the success of our form of government depends upon the patriotism of all our people, the best soldier should be the best citizen.

Yours very truly,
GROVER CLEVELAND.

IN CONTEMPT.—E. T. Green the new U. S. District Court Judge, has declared the Elizabeth Common Council in contempt of court, because not using proper diligence to comply with a mandamus issued out of said court commanding them to appoint assessors to levy a tax to satisfy a judgment procured by Moran Brothers of New York. The writ was served in May last, but the Council made no move to obey it until September, when they appointed the assessors, who failed to qualify, and that was the return made to the writ.

Elizabeth has for some years been working under "Bill 467," adopted especially, for the benefit of bankrupt cities, and to protect them from unfriendly creditors, and this is the first snag that has been struck, and this could no doubt, have been avoided if the Common Council had immediately proceeded to appoint the assessors; and upon the failure of such appointees to qualify, to appoint another set, and so on, from meeting to meeting, until the time for return of the writ.

As Rahway is working under the same act, it behooves our authorities to take notice of this episode, in Elizabeth's experience. We have been quite fortunate in successfully thwarting those who have tried to give us trouble, and it is hoped such success will continue. We know it is rather humiliating either for individuals or cities to be unable to pay their debts, but when a fair compromise is agreed to by the mass of the creditors, there should be some way of making all accept the same terms.

The Councilmen will go to Trenton next Tuesday to hear the judgment of the court.

Assemblyman Ulrich is in training, it is said, for the Republican nomination for Senator next Fall. The Plainfield Republicans have never had such an honor, we believe—not in the past twenty-five years at least.

A LITERARY CURIOSITY.

MR. EDITOR: I submit herewith a production which was scattered about the city one day last week, I understand, by some one of the religious enthusiasts who have become too sanctimonious to worship God with the church denominations, and have hence established a sort of a religious coterie of "I-am-better-than-thou" persons, who look with holy horror upon any fairs or other innocent entertainment gotten up for the benefit of churches financially. The depth of thought of such people can readily be judged by this sample ebullition:

A three day's fair
In the "house of prayer?"
My soul go not there,
It is the devil's snare;
And He who did not spare
His own Son to declare,
Provision in Him to share
By all of numbered hair,
Supplied a better fare
For all who do not scare;
Who of God's a chosen heir
From out the lion's lair.
Such never can despair
Tho' the "prince of the air"—
Man's terrible slayer
Should win the soothsayer
God's ways to compare
With the devil's gainsayer
Of Korahtic fame.
Oh I cannot bear
To speak o' it mair
For ma heart is a' sair
An' a' wud na' dare
To speak of the "tare"
And the "unclean" hare
For men would but swear
And rage and tear.
But the God of all care,
Who His arm shall bare,
And smite to a pair
Every unequal confrere;
And mightily pare
To the soul of the fair.
Who dance on the stair
To the musical air
For all eyes to stare
While the heart's aflare
And the devil is—where?
O christian beware
Of the devil's snare
In "vanity fair"—
The wild beast's lair!
O Father do spare
Thy children to share
The home of the fair
Far above the air
Do hear my prayer.

RAHWAY, Dec. 11th, 1889, midnight.

MR. EDITOR: I see some of the scribblers for what has been appropriately styled the "*Hole in the Ground*," had some "More of Non"-sense in the last issue of that delectable(?) sheet. These "latter-day" scribblers must have been "Ripvanwinkleizing" for the last ten years, as they are "threshing over old straw" that was about used up at the outset of the compromise, in the efforts from that source to defeat the objects of those laboring for the adjustment of the debt. As the operations of the Martin Act will tend to complete the adjustment it is nothing more than might be expected for the same old opposition to crop out from that sheet. All the talk about unconstitutionality, etc., has also been "discussed to death" years ago, not only in the cases of Elizabeth and Rahway, but of the city of Memphis. It was not a *theory* that confronted these cities, but a stern *condition*—a reality—which found them bankrupt; and, as in the time of the rebellion, "war measures" had to be adopted, "outside of the constitution," to sustain the life of the nation, so, in the case of these bankrupt cities similar measures had to be resorted to, by mutual consent with friendly creditors who had the intelligence and business foresight to realize that it was best to favor a compromise.

For curiosity's sake I would like to know how much property interest these latter-day scribblers have in the city—whether they are prompt taxpayers, etc. It is presumed these scribblers are formulating plans and commencing to lay the pipes for a more open attempt to overthrow the compromise, which they have covertly tried to do from the first.

COMMON SENSE.

WRITTEN TO THE MEMORY OF MY TRUE FRIEND DAVID ASKIN.

I ofttimes think, when all alone,
Of one dear valued friend,
Whose memory is to me e'er new,
And will be till my end.

David Askin was his name—
None nobler ever breathed—
My very life I'd trusted him,
And never been deceived.

I once had many jovial friends,
When fortune on me smiled,
But when reverses to me came,
To them I was exiled.

How oft they swore to be my friend,
Through either good or ill,
And to make assurance doubly sure,
They pledged me with a will.

But when reverses to me came,
They soon forgot their oath,
And when they met me on the street,
To speak they seemed quite loth.

And when with want and sickness pressed,
I then did on them call,
They gave a deaf ear to my cries,
And knew me not at all.

But noble Askin found me out,
And quickly to me ran,
My wants supplied my courage raised,
And made me a new man.

God bless the memory of him
Who now lies in the grave,
And long may the laurel clusters green,
O'er his mausoleum wave.

JOHN WATSON,
formerly of Harmony Hill
Bally Boley, Co. Down, Ireland.

BRIDE BELLS.

"A good wife is heaven's best gift to man; his angel of mercy; his gem of many virtues; his casket of jewels."

That which has been the theme for discourse in social circles during the past month, culminated Wednesday of this week, viz: the marriage of Miss Martha W. Ruff, daughter of Mrs. E. Y. Rogers, of Irving street, to Mr. William Wardwell, treasurer of the Standard Oil Co., of New York city.

It was the grandest event of the season, in Rahway. The wedding occurred at the noon hour, at St. Paul's Episcopal church, and those who possessed cards of admission, witnessed a beautiful scene, as the ceremony was attended with all that goes to make a modern society wedding attractive—beautiful floral decorations, the imposing ritual of the church, the pealing organ and fashionable assemblage.

At 12:30 the bridal party appeared, walking up the central aisle, to the strains of Wagners's "Lohengrin." The bride, escorted by her brother, E. L. Rogers, Esq., appeared very beautiful and stately. She wore a heliotrope, brocaded silk, cut decollette, *en train*, with diamonds, and carried a bouquet of tea roses. There were no bridesmaids, or groomsmen, Mr. Allen Wardwell, brother of the groom, acting as best man. The bride was preceded by her little niece, Helen, aged eight years, daughter of Mr. Edward L. Rogers, who was the "Maid of Honor"—a beautiful little girl, charmingly attired in white surah trimmed with swan's down. Mrs. Rogers, mother of the bride, was accompanied by her son-in-law, Mr. F. L. Stetson, of New York. She was richly attired in a grey silk dress and wore a white crepe shawl. The groom (who was in waiting at the chancel) was very neatly attired in the conventional black suit. At the altar, beneath the floral arch, the bride and groom knelt reverently, and the marriage ceremony was performed by Bishop John Scarborough and Rev. L. W. Norton, rector of the church. The bride was given away by her mother. As Mr. and Mrs. Wardwell returned down the aisle, the organist for the occasion, Mr. Lewis H. Redner, of Philadelphia, rendered with animation Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

A reception to select friends, and the wedding breakfast followed, of which 135 guests partook, among whom, besides the Bishop, the following were noted: From New York city—Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stetson, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kobbe, Miss Mary Kobbe, Mr. Allen Wardwell, a brother, and Allan Wardwell, son of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rogers and daughter, Mr. Frank Rogers, Mrs. J. Warren Rogers, Miss Nina Rogers, Miss Bessie Rogers, Miss Clara C. Wardwell, General and Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ives, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Clark and daughter. From Philadelphia—Mrs. J. W. Sagers, Mr. and Mrs. Wyeth, Mr. Lewis H. Redner. From Elizabeth—Mr. and Mrs. William Bloodgood, Mr. and Mrs. French. From Rahway—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob R. Shotwell, Miss Stroud, Mrs. W. C. Squire, ex-United States Consul, Hon. G. W. Savage and wife, Mr. John Savage, Mrs. Stewart Squire, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Squire, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pratt, Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Norton, the Misses Stanley, Dr. and Mrs. W. U. Selover, Mrs. Francis La Bau and daughter, Jennie.

The bridal presents were numerous and of the finest wares. At 3:18 Mr. and Mrs. Wardwell left this city, for the Ponce De Leon Hotel, St. Augustine, Florida, and on leaving home, were showered with rice, and departed, amid the waving of many handkerchiefs. On their return east, they will make their home in New York city. As Mrs. Wardwell was long connected with St. Paul's church and its Sunday School, much interest was manifested by its members, and every effort made to do her honor.

The interior of the church presented a beautiful appearance; every one of the numerous gas jets was lighted, brilliantly illuminating the scene, and the floral decorations were rich and profuse. The baptismal font, chancel, sanctuary, windows and candelabra, were entwined with ivy, cedar and hemlock, and the arch beneath which the bride and groom stood during the ceremony, was of ivy, hemlock, cedar and sago palms, beautifully studded with calla lillies, carnation pinks and heliotrope; near the reading desk stood a beautiful urn in which was a rare specimen of a large century plant, all diffusing a pleasing redolence. A pleasing feature in connection with the floral decorations was that it was the handiwork of the young ladies of Miss Ruff's Bible class, under the supervision of Mr. George Wilkins.

The interior of the Rogers home, adjoining the church, had been likewise beautifully decorated with smilax, roses and pinks, and Bauman, the florist, furnished a beautiful centre piece. The weather being inclement, canopies extended from the vestibule of the church and the entrance to the house, to the street curbing, and handsome new coaches and teams from F. L. Graves' livery stables, conveyed the guests to and fro.

The ushers were Messrs. Frank Rogers, Dr. E. A. Ayres and Stephen M. Wright, of New York, and John Savage, of this city. Messrs. George Wilkins and John C. Blore, of this city, occupied the positions of honor at the church entrance. Morrow and Day, of Jersey City, were the caterers for the occasion.

OUR HOLIDAY ADVERTISING PATRONS.

Our readers generally should not fail to carefully peruse our extra Holiday advertising pages issued in connection with this edition. We have not the space, of course, to make extended allusion to the individual advertisers, but by referring to the following list it can be seen at a glance who the patrons of the special sheet are:

RAHWAY.

Brown & Smith, Drugs, Fancy Goods
James H. Terrill, " "
Geo. W. Leonard, Groceries, etc.,
Moore & Jackson, "
J. M. Brookfield, "
Wm. Howard, "
McCormick & Baker, "
Schuppman Bros. "
C. F. Woodruff & Co., "
F. M. Miller, " and Meats.
M. W. Baumgartner, " "
F. J. Babel, Clothing.
George Miller, "
J. C. Melick & Co., "
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NEWARK.

L. S. Plaut, & Co., Fancy Goods.
Josephs Brothers, Boots and Shoes.
C. E. Cannon, Furniture.
John Walsh, "
E. Alter, Jeweler.

The Ardmore Circle, a social organization, composed of a number of young ladies and gentlemen of this city, held their first sociable Thursday evening of last week, at the residence of Mr. Edward Martin, Scott avenue, East Rahway. The grand march, at 9 o'clock, was led by their President, Mr. S. B. Moffatt, escorting Miss Linda Hoffman, and the reporter noted the following couples in their order, the first named gentleman with the first named lady, and so on;

Vice Pres. N. P. Brower, Treas. M. Prink, R. Sec. G. A. Seaman, F. Sec. E. C. Potter, Jr., W. Potter, D. I. Muddell, F. Urmston, H. Caddell, A. C. Watson, G. W. Crane, W. Hartman, W. Van Fleet, (Linden), L. Young, H. O. Parker, (Red Bank), T. Wells, (Newark). Misses Mamie Muddell, L. Kent, (Brooklyn), A. Ayers, May E. White, Harriett Martin, Hattie Kent, Grace Blore, Grace Ross, Marion Hoffman, W. Cox, Addie Weldon, Ida Westervelt, (Linden), Etta Gundaker, Elva Martin.

The march was very prettily executed by the graceful couples, who thereafter danced the hours merrily away, under the skilful manipulations of Prof. Lauria's bow, to their heart's content. The affable host and hostess, and their daughter Miss Elva, were the recipients of many expressions of good will from the members of the "Ardmore," as they departed for their homes at the approach of the hour when darkness turns to dawn.

TIME WANES.

Those of our readers who have not already taken advantage of the "Newark Bee Hive" grand offering of Holiday Goods should not delay a visit to this enormous establishment any longer. It is advisable to make the trip as early as possible. The nearer it draws on to Christmas the busier they get.

That they should be so busy is not surprising.

Everybody wants as much for their money as it is possibly to get. When they go to the Newark Bee Hive they get more than they expect.

That is why a visit repays itself.

That is why Rahway people find this place a good shopping centre.

The free delivery of prepaid parcels does away with the inconvenience of carrying, an accommodation no doubt greatly appreciated by all.

Nearly all colds are slight, at first, but their tendency is to so lower the system that the sufferer becomes a ready victim to any prevalent disease. The use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, in the beginning of cold, would guard against this danger.

BON-MOTS.

It is reported that Krupp, the celebrated cannon maker, has established a fund of $100,000 to enable his employees to build their own houses. This is the right sort of a "Krupp" fund to establish—not for the purpose of presenting a bill to the House, but of presenting a house to Bill—and others.

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Now all the breezes
From 'cross the main,
Each one brings sneezes
As well as rain!

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If Webster ever owned the pen spoken of last week, it must have been when he was very, very young—before he learned grammar. A pen having once written good English in the hand of "Ye Mighty Orator" would have split itself in two before being made to write bad grammar.

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What is the matter with the weather—nothing regular any more! The country is getting to be so very cosmopolitan that the climate is actually changing also—so, in consequence, we have London fogs, Manchester rains, Australian Xmas weather—everything, in fact, but the good old Yankee sort, with its regular seasons. Where was our glorious Indian summer this year? Perhaps it went to Paris with the Wild West.

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If any one would like to see how thoroughly the beautiful snow developes into beastly slush, let him wander down around the junction of Bridge, Essex and Grand streets.

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Why don't you get up a guessing contest—the prize to be—say, a trip to Newark, with all railroad and hotel charges paid—and the guess: "What is the octagon-shaped building by the depot for, and when will it be done?"

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His death was sudden at last, although in a measure not unexpected, for his friends had noticed a failing of the vital powers for some time past; but then, he was getting well advanced in years, when, the feebleness of age—not, of course, by means of its strength, but through the natural order of events—usurps the place of vigor of youth. Nothing but good can be spoken of him—he was faithful and true in his friendship—slow to let his affection get the better of his judgment; but when his friendship had once been bestowed nothing could ever alter it. He was never very demonstrative; but rather the contrary—reserved and meditative. His voice was never heard among those who are apt to "talk loud and say little"—but quiet, attending to his own affairs—passed he through life. He will be much missed by those who knew him, and by whom he will be remembered as "Dare," the collie dog belonging to Miss Thompson, of Railroad avenue.

G. H. B.

CARTERET COUNCIL No. 884, ROYAL ARCANUM.

The last meeting of Carteret Council was the best attended one since the Centennial meeting. It was election night, and as the wives of the members had been requested by postal card to use a broom handle if necessary to drive the members out to the meeting, so they came, and no one know what brought them there—their own sweet will, or a little moral suasion on the part of their wives. After initiating three candidates which was done by Regent Feist in twenty-eight minutes, the Council went into new business, and the nomination and election of officers for 1890, the following being elected:

Richard F. Feist, as Past Regent and Representative to the Grand Council of the State of New Jersey.
C. A. Gundaker, Regent.
J. D. Shotwell, Vice Regent.
Walter Felter, Jr., Orator.
J. H. Marbacher, Secretary.
S. F. Garthwaite, Collector.
H. M. Bedford, Treasurer.
W. W. Pendleton, Chaplain.
J. H. Flake, Guide.
E. S. Abbott, Warden.

There was a contest between Past Regent W. W. Howe and Regent Feist for the office of Sentry but W. W. Howe was finally successful and next year will have charge of the outer door. He stated that the proper way for the members to get in next year will be for them to whistle "Yankee Doodle" outside the door, and when he opens the wicket they must shove a good cigar in. Stinkadoras and cigars with fire cracker stuffing will not be legal tender.

J. D. Shotwell, M. T. Gay, and M. W. Baumgartner were elected trustees.

W. W. Howe, Alternate Representative to the Grand Council.

Last year the present Regent created considerable amusement by saying that he would initiate twenty-five new members before his year was out, or make the Council a present or $25; as the Council had only gained sixteen members in the three previous years he was laughed at and told he had better start in to save that $25, so he would be sure to have it to pay the Council at the end of 1889. But he did not have to "put up" as thirty-two new members have been taken in so far this year and there will be *seven more* taken in on Dec. 26th, provided they pass the medical examination.

PERSONALLY-CONDUCTED TOURS TO FLORIDA VIA PENNSYLVANIA R. R.—As has been the custom for the past few winters the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will this season offer to its patrons a series of select tours to Florida. The dates have been fixed for January 7th, 21st, February 4th, 18th, and March 4th, 1890. The party will travel by special train of Pullman Sleeping and Dining Cars, and they will go through via the Atlantic Coast Line on a fast schedule. The Tourist Agent and Chaperon will conduct each tour in both directions, and all the details of the tours will be carried out in that superior style for which these trips have become celebrated.

Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations and meals *en route* in both directions, will be sold from New York at $50 Philadelphia $48, and at proportionately low rates from other stations. They will be good only on the special trains, and will only be accepted for the return trip on the regular returning train of that tour. They will admit of a stay of *two weeks* in Florida.

The special train will leave New York at 9.30 a. m., stopping at Newark, Elizabeth, and Trenton, Philadelphia at 11:50 a. m., stopping at Wilmington, Baltimore, and Washington, arriving at Jacksonville next evening. Tourists from stations at which the special does not stop may use regular trains connecting with the special at the nearest point.

For tickets and itineraries, apply to ticket agents, or address S. W. Draper, 849 Broadway, New York, or 205 Washington Street, Boston.

ON TO WASHINGTON.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's Christmas pleasure tour to Washington is being generally discussed, not only among the teachers, but among all who will have a few days of leisure during the holiday week. It presents an admirable opportunity of spending a few days of the mid-winter vacation in a most pleasant and profitable manner, and a great many people have signified their intention of taking advantage of it. The special train conveying the party will leave New York, December 26th, at 11:00 a. m., Jersey City 11:20 Newark 11:35 Elizabeth 11:45 a. m., New Brunswick 12:10 p. m., Princeton Junction 12:36, and Trenton 12:50 p. m., and arrive at Washington 6:00 p. m. The party will be conducted by the Tourist Agent and Chaperon. Excursion tickets, including meals *en route*, board and lodging at the Riggs House, Washington, from supper Dec. 26th to dinner Dec. 28th, will be sold at $12.50. The returning party will leave Washington, December 28th, at 3:20 p. m. Full information and tickets may be procured at ticket offices or by addressing S. W. F. Draper, Tourist Agent, 849 Broadway, New York.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS.—Pursuant to the usual policy of aiding its patrons in the interchange of social visits during the holidays, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will, this season, place on sale at the ticket offices, excursion tickets to be sold between the various stations on the system at the rate of two cents per mile in each direction. The holiday excursion tickets will be sold from December 21st, 1889, to January 1st, 1890, inclusive, valid for return until January 4th, 1890, inclusive. This arrangement, however, does not apply to the sale of excursion tickets between New York and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, in either direction, nor between any one of the above-named cities and any other of these mentioned.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION.

[OFFICIAL.]

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 5, 1889.

Regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, held on Thursday, Dec. 5, 1889, at 2:30, p. m.

Present—Director Hubbard and Freeholders Briant, Doty, Donahue, Howard, Houston, Jones, Kyte, Kleinhans, Pierson, Roll, Thompson, Vanderbeek, VanSaun, West, Wright, Whaley—17.

Absent—None.

The minutes of last meeting (omitting list of bills ordered paid) were read and, on motion, approved as read.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Freeholder Thompson:

Resolved, That the county collector advance to the sheriff five hundred dollars on account of court expenses for the Oct. term of 1889.

Freeholder Vanderbeek moved its adoption.

On roll call adopted unanimously.

By Freeholder West:

Resolved, That all bridge work now unauthorized by this board or its properly constituted committees be and is hereby suspended for the balance of the present fiscal year, except such repairs as may be absolutely necessary to protect property and save the traveling public from harm.

Freeholder Vanderbeek moved its adoption.

On roll call adopted unanimously.

A bill of D. M. Smythe, late editor and proprietor of the Summit *Record*, for publishing minutes of the Board amounting to $25, was received and referred to legal committee and county attorney.

The following bills audited and approved, were read and ordered paid unanimously:

SPECIAL DEFICIENCY.

Bridge account—F. A. Dunham, $63.77; do., $88 50; John V. Whitlock, $11; Theodore Gray, $25 98; G. M. Angleman, $55; Finton Hibbitts, $244.75; Theodore Gray, $110.78; D. J. Brice, est., $108.78; do., $97 20; William Hand, $197; A. D. Cook & Bros., $31 13; do., $48 45; Richardson & Farrier, $691.76; Plainfield. F. A. Dunham, $77.08; A. B. Clark, $375; do., $1 245.70; J. S. Irving, $400 04; Westfield. Chas. F. Smith, $15; Joseph Frazer, $60 50; New Providence. James Ross, $37.25; Rahway. F. A. Dunham, $253 50; Dunn & Goode, $200; do., $1,800; D. W. Day & Son, $235 10; Summit. F. A. Dunham, $42.50; Linden. F. A. Dunham, $19; H. G. Wood $93 31, Fanwood. Chas. F. Corby, $11.30; Edward Feeley, $3, Albert Smith, $130, R. Marshall, $53.19; Springfield.

Regular—

Bridge account—Wm. Runkle, Union, $55 20; Frank C. Martin, $62.50; James Ross, $163 50; Rahway. J. Martin Roll, Springfield, $3 60; Theodore Gray, Plainfield, $140.00; Wm. Runkle, $41.40; James G. Moore, Linden, $311 96, do., $393 05; do., $52.50; James G. Moore, Cranford, $47 10; do., $37 75; Charles J. Drake, $15; Thomas S. Whiteneck, $8 50; Wm. D. Johnston, $198 43; Fanwood, do., $82; do., $97 12; J. S. Irving, $23.12; John J. Willis, $0; W. W. Connolly, $50.05; Westfield. Moore Bros., Elizabeth, $3.83; do., $46 54; D. W. Day & Son, $102 20; Patrick Murphy, $68; James Moore, $45; Patrick Murphy, $73; Summit. James G. Moore, Cranford, $100 25; Wm. S. Van Dorn, $1 50; James Reilly, $12; John Nevins, $16.87; New Providence.

Salary account—Chas. E. Reed, $25; E. M. Wood, $125.

Committee expense account—P. D. Van Saun, $23.30; J. F. Hubbard, $29.60; Wm. Howard, $6 50; George Wright, $4; Geo. Kyte, $8.65; James T. Pierson, or James E. Burtis, $44.50; Bradford Jones, $7.20; William J. Thompson, $18 55.

Members' pay account—George Kyte, $45.48; Frank Kleinhans, $67.05; J. F. Hubbard, $123 75; James T. Pierson, $44; P. D. VanSaun, $126.40; Wm. T. West, $106; Geo. W. Doty, $115.05; Bradford Jones, $42; Wm. H. Briant, $44; George Wright, $38 60; Chas. D. Whaley, $14.

County roads—F. A. Dunham, $994 50; H. G. Wood, $1,077 83; B. M. & J. F. Shanley, $5,728 75; do., $2,197.15; Bernard Mahon, $3,540.78, do., $720.

Schools—B. Holmes, $300.

Lunacy—James T. Pierson, $14.55.

Incidentals—John L. Crowell, $181 07; Chas. E. Reed, $16; F. W. Westcott, $35.50.

Stationery — John W. Dunn, $45.50; The Holbrook Publishing Co., $46.45; Chas. H. Schmidt, $9; John W. Dunn, $159.70.

Jail account—C. A. Harris, $67.86; Jas. O. Brokaw, $10 15; J. W. Hildebrant & Co., $12 60; Bender Brothers, $57.84; Henry J. Schmidt, $5.85; M. S. Newbery, $43 68.

Public buildings—N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., $15; Elizabethtown Gas-Light Co., $53 83; The Babcock & Wilcox Co., $19.05; D. B. Provoost, $75; J. A. Davis, $3.25; Jas. H. Faulks, $30 91.

Court—H. C. Austin, $45.15; Amos Moffett, $59.50; James Carey, $42.50; John B. Runyon, $45; John Hughes $21; James H. White, $55.25; John B. McGrath, $63; Henry J. Schoppe, $45; Isaac Bunn, $21; Eli M. Barber, $55.25; John Dixon, $42.50; John M. C. Marsh, $52; T. F. McCormick, $291.67; William H. Sau t, $42.50; Henry Smith, $42 50; William E. Samson, $59 50; Geo. C. Wardell, man'g, $0 28; James T. Wiley, $95; William R. Wilson, $300. B. M. Rogers, $34; James H. White, $4.80; John H. Simmons, $13.56; F. F. Glasby, sheriff, $8; do., $153.90; do., $998 29.

Election—James J. Franklin, 1st dist. 1st ward, Elizabeth, $9; Joseph J. Franklin, do., $10.50; Wm. P. Donahue, do., $9; Wm. A. Bourdon, 2d dist. 1st ward, do., $7.50; Bernard Dowrey, do., $6; Philip Sinbine, 4th dist. 1st ward, do., $9; Geo. H. Burnett, do., $0; Michael Connolly, 1st ward, 2d dist., $9; Cornellius T. Regan, 2d dist. 2d ward, do., $7.50; Geo. H. Brindel, do., $6; John J. Gardner, do., $6; Thomas McBride, do., $9; Wm. Lane, 3d dist. 2d ward, $9; John Bruckner, do., $9; Martin J. Reynolds, do., $10 50; Thomas B. Hurley, do., $12; Curt Prescher, 1st dist. 3d ward, do., $15; John Reuter, 2d dist. 3d ward, do., $15; Samuel R. Ogden, 4th ward, do., $7.50; E. W. C. Vandervcer, do., $0; Geo. A. Townley, 1st dist. 5th ward, do., $6; John J. Williams, 2d dist. 5th ward, do., $15; Patrick J. Lynch, 3d dist. 5th ward, do., $9; Geo. Stead, 6th ward, do., $9; Fredk A. Price, 7th ward, do., $9; Geo. W. Moore, 1st ward, Plainfield, $10 20; R. A. Meeker, 1st ward, do., $6; John H. Doane, 2d ward, do., $0; Wm. H. Whittemore, 1st dist. 3d ward, Rahway, $6; Jos. A. Lambertl, 4th ward, do., $7.50; Noah S. Noe, Linden, $9.40; I. R. Howard, Springfield, $15; Alex. Cummings, Union, $9.80; A. M. Woodruff, do., $7.50; Dennis Long, do., $6; C. R. Clark, Westfield, $10.50; Wm. W. Connelly, do., $12 70; Howard P. Manning, do., $9; Ira. C. Lambert, do., $9.

Bridge account—Wm. H. Hughes, Clark, $26.

Freeholder Briant moved to adjourn. Which was carried.

The director declared the board adjourned to Thursday, Jan. 2, 1890, at 2.30 p. m.

CHAS. E. REED, Clerk.

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Some of our compositors appear to have been overcome by our double edition last week, as several grammatical as well as typographical errors we have since discovered, bear testimony. The proof-reader is always willing to assume his share of the blame for carelessness, but he finds, in one case, particularly, by some oversight, the proof as marked, was not corrected, and the pen described in the following, we fear, would not rest contented if we should fail to reprint the item in a corrected form:

AN INTERESTING RELIC OF DANIEL WEBSTER.—One day during the past week, Mr Corson, Principal of Columbian School, exhibited to his class a relic of Daniel Webster, in shape of a quill pen that had been used by America's greatest orator. Much interest was taken in the very interesting curiosity by reason of the fact that the name of Webster has often been brought up in the discussions which have lately occurred in the class upon "Oratory and its Masters." The query naturally arose within their minds, "Which of his speeches was written with it?" It might have been the grandest one of all—his celebrated reply to Mr. Hayne, of South Carolina! The pen is the property of Mrs. George H. Betts, to whom it was given by Mrs. Webster at the time the latter lady resided in New Rochelle. The "copy" for this item was written with the same pen.

"You are behind the times," said one of our grocers to a lady customer yesterday. "Why?" she inquired, "Because all your neighbors use Tulip soap, while you still buy the old fashioned kinds."

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MARRIED.

TYLER—SMITH.—At the Rectory of St. Paul's church, in this city, on the evening of the 17th inst., by the Rev. Levi W. Norton, Frederic Reivler to Miss Mary Smith, both of Rahway Neck.

WARDWELL—ROGERS.—In St. Paul's church, Dec. 18th, at 12:30 noonday, by the Rt. Rev. John Scarborough, Bishop of New Jersey, and Rev. Levi W. Norton, Rector of St. Paul's, Miss Martha Wallace Ruff, daughter of Mrs. E. Y. Rogers, to William Thomas Wardell, of New York city.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FIRST WARD

Adjusted Taxes, Assessments, &c.

Notice is hereby given that the report of the Commissioners of Adjustment for the First Ward of the city of Rahway was filed with the City Treasurer on December 7th, 1889, and all Taxes, Assessments, and Water Rates or Water Rents for that ward became due and payable on that date. If not paid within sixty days from that date interest will be added according to law.
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DIVIDEND.

A semi annual dividend of 3 per cent. has been declared on the capital stock of this Bank, payable Dec. 31st.

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Notice to Tax Payers

Taxes for 1889

Are now past due, and warrants for their collection, from all delinquents, have been placed in the hands of the Receiver, according to law, thus making them subject to interest and costs—but, as the law is a new one, and many have not been expecting so early an enforcement, for their benefit the costs will be waived on all such taxes paid before the 1st of January, 1890. This also refers to the bills for 1889 which have already been sent out by the Deputy Receiver.
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By virtue of orders of the Orphans' Court of the County of Union, the subscriber, Administrator of Andrew McManus, deceased, will expose for sale by Public Vendue, to the highest bidder, including the right or estate in dower of the widow of said deceased, at the "Rahway House," in the City of Rahway,

ON MONDAY, DEC. 23rd, 1889,

at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all those certain lots, tracts or parcels of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey, described as follows:

The First Tract, Situate on the southwesterly side of Grand (formerly Mechanic) street, adjoining lands of William Osborn, junior, and Crowell Madann, and being forty feet wide in front and rear, and one hundred and twenty-five feet deep on each side thereof.

The Second Tract, Adjoining the first above described tract, and being on the southeasterly and southwesterly sides thereof, and also adjoining lands of Crowell Mccann and Ann Murphy, being also on the southwesterly side of Grand street, and being one foot and fifty-six hundredths of a foot in front on said street, and forty-six feet and forty five hundredths of a foot wide in the rear, and extending back from said street on the southeasterly side of this tract one hundred and thirty-six feet and thirty-two hundredths of a foot, and extending back on the northwesterly side of this tract a distance of thirty-five feet and seventy-six hundredths of a foot from the southwesterly line of the said first above described tract.

Dated Nov. 16th 1889. JAMES H. DURAND, Adm'r. (nov 22-5w)

SEPTEMBER 28th, 1889.—Estate of Isaac Little, deceased.

Pursuant to the order of GEORGE T. PARROT, Surrogate of the County of Union, this day made, on the application of the undersigned, Administrator of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the said subscriber.

CORTLAND B. LITTLE, Administrator.
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OCTOBER 25th, 1889.—Estate of William B. Roberts, deceased.

Pursuant to the order of GEORGE T. PARROT, Surrogate of the County of Union, this day made, on the application of the Administratrix of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber, under oath or affirmation, their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

DANNELIA P. ROBERTS, Administratrix.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S SETTLEMENT.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the account of the subscriber, Administrator of Matthias B. Thorn, deceased, will be audited and stated by the Surrogate, and reported for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the County of Union on Wednesday, the Eighteenth day of December next.

ABEL V. SHOTWELL.
Dated October 7th, 1889. oct 11-9w

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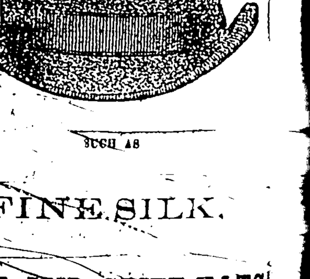
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RAHWAY, N. J., DEC. 20th, 1889.

CENT A WORD CORNER.

For the convenience of Housekeepers and others who wish to purchase, sell or exchange articles of daily use, or to obtain servants, or to advertise articles that have been lost or found we offer notices under this head at the rate of
ONE CENT A WORD—CASH,
each insertion.
If you want to buy anything—If you want to sell anything—If you want to exchange anything,
TRY IT.

A SPLENDID Assortment of Cutlery, at MEAD BROS., 21 Cherry street. dec 20 3t*

A BIG LINE of Novelties for Holiday Presents at the RAHWAY TEA STORE.

A NICE assortment of Gloves. MEAD BROS., 21 Cherry street. dec 20-2t*

A NICE PIANO for sale for $40—at the Music Store, 121 Main street. oct 11

A NICE LAMP makes a pretty and useful Holiday Gift. There are some very fine ones at the RAHWAY TEA STORE. dec 20 1w

A PRETTY Moustache Cup will start the growth on the smoothest lip. You will find them at the RAHWAY TEA STORE, 188 Main street. dec 20-1w

BEST Table Raisins in the city at McCORMICK & BAKER'S. dec 20-1w

BOARDERS WANTED.—A large, well ventilated room for gentleman and wife, or two gentlemen. Apply at 82 Broad street. jun 14-tf

BUSINESS TRAINING SCHOOL (Day and Evening). Great advantages gained. No fees. Satisfaction guaranteed or no money. Trial week free. Exchange Building.

CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT LEGION St. Mary's Council No. 262 meets 2nd and 4th ... of each month, at Cladek's Hall Second ... JACOB KRAUS, Pres. J. ... Sec'y. nov 8-1y

EDWARD ... PURCHASING AGENT. ... residence, 30 Essex street, or ... J. R. Terrill's drug store, ... Cherry street, before 9 a. m., ... attention nov 22-tf

FOR HOLIDAY GOODS go to the RAHWAY TEA STORE. dec 20-1w

FRESH COW, with Calf by her side, for sale. Apply to ... COX, near Scott avenue de... dec 20-2w*

FRESH ... Kenyon Bro's Sausage Meat ... good order. Apply to M. W. ... GARTNER, 128 Grand street. dec 20-2w*

FLOWERS, PRIMROSES, and other Blooming ... suitable for Christmas Gifts; ... "THE GARDEN" green... ... avenue, cor. Maple avenue. dec 13-2w*

FOR EXCHANGE.—I have a very desirable ... and basement brick dwelling ... of the modern improvements, ... Brooklyn, N. Y., to exchange ... in Rahway. The Brooklyn ... clear of all incumbrances, ... can be made. No fancy ... J. T. MEAD, 28 Cherry St. dec 13-tf

FOR SALE.—The large, handsome and commodious ... on Whittier street, with ... 100x175 feet, fruit trees, ... with all modern improvements ... of the owner on the premises. MISS L. R. CHAPMAN.

FIRST CLASS SECOND HAND PIANO, in ... for sale; or will rent by the month ... apply on purchase, if desired. nov 8-tf

G. ... Purchasing Agent, for ... New York and Brooklyn. Orders ... Store, Jeffries' Barber ... Store, or Silvers' Drug ... will be promptly attended dec 6-tf

GIRL WANTED for housework—no washing. ... corner Milton avenue and ... dec 20-1w*

GIRL WANTED to work in kitchen—white preferred. ... W. BAIRD'S RESTAURANT ... Building. nov 29-tf

HEADQUARTERS for Skates and Sleds. MEAD BROS., 21 Cherry street.

HORSE FOR SALE.—Suitable for work or carriage, at reasonable price. Address Box ... dec 20-2w*

HOUSE TO RENT.—All Modern Improvements, ... warm water, etc. Call ... NOBACK.

HOUSE AND LOT for sale on Milton avenue. House 7 rooms, marble mantels, ... doors; good well; 2 minutes from ... only a little cash down. A. J. RITTER.

LARGE STOCK of Papeteries, Envelopes, Blank Books, etc., just opened at the Music and Stationery Store, 121 Main st. nov 11-tf

LOST—Cape of a Boy's Overcoat. Please leave it at the RAHWAY TEA STORE.

LARGEST STOCK of Hardware and House Furnishing Goods in the city. MEAD BROS., 21 Cherry street. dec 20-2w*

MADAME E. G. GIORDANO. Fashionable dressmaking at reasonable prices. Corner ... and Lewis streets. dec 20-1m*

MRS. C. K. MILLER, 140 Main street, Round ... Bonnets, Flowers, Ribbons in all the ... and Shapes. apl 7-tf

PIANO LESSONS by a lady teacher of much experience, either at home of pupil or at her ... privilege of practising on her piano. ... Apply at No. 9 Clinton street, Rahway. jan 18-tf

REGULAR ... Regular Meetings first Friday ... each month at 8 p. m.

ROYAL ARCANUM.—CARTERET COUNCIL, ... meets at Odd Fellows' Hall, Cherry ... Second and Fourth Thursdays of ... R. F. FEIST, Regent. ... Secr'y. apl 5-1y

STUDIES FOR PAINTING at Art Rooms. ... going to California please call ... the late Dr. James' office.

THE BEST Leghorn Citron in the city, 25 cts. per pound, at McCORMICK & BAKER'S.

TO LET. Eight Room House, 136 Grand street. DR. SILVERS.

THE W. C. T. UNION will hold their meetings on Thursday of each week at 3 P. M., in the Chapel, corner of Milton avenue and Fulton Street. The women of Rahway are invited to co-operate in this Gospel Temperance Work.

THE BAND OF HOPE will hold their meetings on Friday of each week, at 3:30 P. M., in the Chapel. Mothers, and all interested, are invited to attend.

TRY some of WM. H. LITTLE'S fine fresh Sausage, Fish, Clams, Oysters, etc., at his store, 13 ... Main street. 22 tf

3 STORES TO LET, on Irving street. Inquire of I. E. MARSH. dec 20-2w*

20 STYLES Lemonade Sets from 75 cents up. RAHWAY TEA STORE.

3 LBS GOOD ... for 25 cents at McCORMICK & BAKER'S. dec 20-1w

50 STYLES Motto and Fancy Cups and Saucers at 25 cents, at the RAHWAY TEA STORE. dec 20-1w

3 CANS good Tomatoes 25 cents, 3 cans good Corn 25 cents, at McCORMICK & BAKER'S.

Wednesday being the day of the week upon which we generally do a large part of the composition on our paper, and next Wednesday being Christmas, which our employes will observe as a holiday, advertisers and contributors generally will please send in their favors on Monday as far as possible so we can utilize Tuesday for our usual Wednesday's work. The paper will not be issued until the usual time.

Merry Christmas!

Lost—Cape of a Boy's Overcoat. Please leave it at the Rahway Tea Store.

Lamberti has a fine line of Hats and Gents Furnishings for the Holidays.

The Union County Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent.

C. F. Woodruff & Co., have another large stock of fine Turkeys at low prices. See new advertisement.

Mr. Willis Kilmer, of New York city, sojourned in our city Saturday last. Mr. Kilmer is a very fine pianist.

Plush papeteries, albums, games, etc., for holiday presents, at the Music and Stationery Store, 121 Main street.

Christmas coming on next Wednesday, the usual weekly session of the county courts will be held on Tuesday.

Gen. J. M. Drake was on Wednesday sentenced to pay a fine of $100 on his conviction for libel as referred to in our last.

"Halma," the interesting and bewitching new board game, can be procured at the Music and Stationery Store, 121 Main street.

The fair given by the ladies of the 2d Presbyterian church last week proved a grand success, about $650 being the net result.

The "C. Y. K." will hold their first sociable of the season at the residence of Hon. Wm. Chamberlain, Friday evening of this week.

The "Festival of Days" at the 1st M. E. church last week was quite successful, about $250 being realized for the benefit of the church.

Talk about your "Lon'on fogs"—they can't exceed the disagreeable fog and dampness that have pervaded this section during this week.

For Holiday Goods, go the Rahway Tea Store.

Past Grand Regent of the Royal Arcanum of New Jersey, W. E. Hallenbeck, is lying dangerously ill at his home in Jersey City.

Mr. Swain of the "Rahway House," is the possessor of a fine baritone voice; but if you ask him to sing "Dublin Bay," be ready to flee for your life!

Mr. Chas. H. Woodruff, the janitor of the Opera House, has been made a special policeman, with full power to arrest those who disturb the audiences.

The wide-awake up-town grocers, C. F. Woodruff & Co., can supply you with everything in the eating line at reduced prices. See new advertisement.

There was no quorum at the Council meeting on Tuesday evening, only six members appearing. The time for the next meeting will be New Year's eve.

Our citizens can make no mistake in patronizing the "Rainbow Sociable," of the Children's Home and Orphan Asylum, which will take place in February next.

Twenty styles Lemonade Sets, from 75c up—Rahway Tea Store.

Keep in mind, you can obtain your Groceries, Meats, Fruits, Nuts, and Canned goods at C. F. Woodruff & Co.'s, Irving street, at reasonable prices. See new advertisement.

Among the good things in the fruit line at Rev. H. P. Thomas' store is a lot of stangerines, one of the most delicious fruits of the West Indies. Also coffee, tea, oranges, etc.

Miss Jennie, youngest daughter of Hon. Joseph T. Crowell, starts this week for the new state of Washington, to reside with her brother Wallace, who settled in the territory some years ago.

Union Lodge, Good Templars No. 161, have removed from the lodge room at the corner of Milton avenue and Fulton streets, and will hereafter meet in Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall, Osborn building, Cherry street.

Principal E. B. Shallow, of the Third Ward School, has been affected by an intermittent fever during the past week or so, and unable to attend to his duties some of the days.

Mrs. Charles Hogan slipped and fell on the back stoop of her residence, on Fulton street, Sunday evening, striking in such a manner as to break her right forearm, besides receiving other bruises.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.—Wednesday December 25, (Christmas), the office will close at 10 a. m. All mails will close at that hour for the day.

H. B ROLLINSON, P. M.

A big line of Novelties for Holiday Presents at the Rahway Tea Store.

Quite a number of citizens anxious to have a sleigh ride, were observed on Sunday last testing the qualities of the snow and their horses. There wasn't snow enough however to make it interesting for the horses.

The Children's Festival of the Sunday School of the Church of the Holy Comforter will be held on Sunday afternoon (Dec. 29th) at 3 o'clock. Carols will be sung and the usual distribution of gifts will be made.

Bishop Alexander Burgess, and daughter, of Quincy, Illinois, who had been visiting in this city, at the residence of the Rev. C. M. Parkman, rector of the church of the Holy Comforter, left on Wednesday morning for their home.

The stormy weather has "played hob" with the photographing business, and many who were arranging for holiday presents in the form of photographs will probably be disappointed, as there has not been enough sunshine to print from the negatives.

The Woman's Christian Union will celebrate the Sixth Anniversary of the Temperance Crusade, on next Sabbath afternoon, Dec 22d, in the Chapel on Milton avenue at 4 o'clock. There will be readings, addresses and singing, appropriate to the occasion.

Fifty styles Motto and Fancy Cups and Saucers at 25c, at the Rahway Tea Store.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Calendar for 1890 is out, and the demand for it is certain to be immense, for a more "taking" calendar it is difficult to imagine. Early application at the druggists' will be necessary to secure this gem. If you fail there, send 6 cents in stamps to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

As we go to press, we hear of a serious mishap to Dr. F. W. Oliver, by being thrown from his horse, while on the way to Bloodgood's Mills to visit a patient, the fall resulting in a broken knee-cap, the horse shying at some object in the road. It is feared that it will result in a permanent stiffness of the limb.

Our merchants are vieing with one another in their display of holiday goods, and some of the show windows look very neat. "Santa Claus" can find most any article he may chance to need for man, woman, or child. Take a walk about the business portions of the city and see for yourself.

Woodward, son of George Moffatt, of Newark, formerly of this city, died in that city Sunday last, of cerebritis. His body was brought to this city Tuesday, for interment at Hazelwood, services being held at the Second M. E church, Rev. C. F. Hull officiating. His pall bearers were E. A. Spence, D. I. Muddell, A. C. Watson, and Hart Van Vliet. His age was 17 years.

C. F. Woodruff & Co., are now comfortably located in their new quarters in the Hill building, adjoining the Irving street bridge. They moved from their old quarters across the street on Monday. Their new store is sixty feet in depth by twenty-eight in width. It has a fine front almost entirely of glass, which gives them plenty of light. The store is a commodious one, and well fitted for a modern grocery.

A Nice Lamp makes a pretty and useful Holiday Gift. There are some very fine ones at the Rahway Tea Store.

The first genuine snow storm of the season came upon us last Saturday. It was ushered in about 10 a. m. and lasted most of the day, but it was interspersed with rain and sleet. In the early evening hours it cleared up and grew cold, forming a crust on the snow that had fallen, and rendering the act of walking without "gums," exceedingly hazardous, as the sidewalks were very slippery.

The Butterworth Bro's of Trenton, N. J., noted manufacturers of threshers, have just obtained a patent for a thresher tooth which is likely to revolutionize the trade, and Western capitalists are already negotiating to manufacture on a large scale. Over eight millions of thresher teeth are manufactured and sold every year, which makes the patent of great value, the royalty alone will amount to upwards of twenty-five thousand dollars per annum.

Mr. Bernard Pollard, an employee at the Johnson Signal Works, was on Monday engaged jarring the snow from a large bar of iron by raising and dropping it, until it dropped on top of one of his feet, and he did not raise it again, but spent a time in caressing his bruised member. It was at first thought that some of the bones were broken, but Dr. Selover was sent for, and on examination found only some severe bruises. Dr. Selover was called to attend to the wounds.

BRAKEMAN KILLED.—On Wednesday morning as a freight train was passing the vicinity of the Six Roads the train parted and Wm. Harrocks, a brakeman, of Frankfort, Pa., in attempting to jump across the breach from the top of one car to another, fell to the track and was crushed to death. The remains were taken in charge by morgue keeper Ryno and subsequently sent to the home of the deceased.

A pretty Moustache Cup will start the growth on the smoothest lip. You will find them at the Rahway Tea Store, 183 Main street.

I. O. O. F.—The election of officers of Essex County Lodge No. 27, I. O. O. F., of this city, took place on Wednesday evening, with the following result:

N. G., P. Thruelsen.
V. G., H. H. R. Goodrich.
Treas., M. W. Baumgartner.
Rec. Sec., E. B. Clay.
Per. Sec., Chas. E. Reed.

A large delegation was present from Elizabethport, and after the business of the evening was concluded a pleasant season was spent in speech-making, singing, recitations, etc.

For the laundry, for the workshop, there is nothing so good as Tulip soap.

Try our fine Tea, only 50 cents a pound, at Wm. Howard's.

We have received a copy of the programme of the entertainment of the "Seven ...," Mrs. Westcott's School, at Bridgeton, in which we notice that Miss Katie, daughter of Councilman Hoenicke, is among the cast in a drama which is to be given on the occasion.

Mr. Job Woodruff, of Springfield, an old resident of this county, having disposed of his property, will go to Occidental, California, where his daughter resides. His children being all married and away from home, and his wife dying some time ago, induces him to take this step. His children and friends gave him a farewell surprise party on Thursday night at the old homestead and all had a good time. His son Charles H. and family are residents of this city.

At the conclusion of the services at the First Presbyterian church, last Sunday morning, a letter was read to the congregation, from the Rev. G. H. Payson, of Newtown, Long Island, giving notice of his acceptance of a call extended to him several weeks ago. The Rev. gentleman will remove to this city in time to occupy the pulpit Jan. 5th, 1890. He is very highly spoken of, and will doubtless be an acceptable addition to the excellent corps of ministers of this city.

Samuel M. Williams and his brother Joseph started Tuesday of this week for Los Angelos, Cal., the former to take a position in the office of the General Superintendent of the Southern Pacific Railway, and the latter, who is in ill health, to seek a livelihood in that more genial climate, at his trade of pressman. Samuel commenced his railroad experience as an assistant in the freight office of the P. R. R. in this city only a few months ago, and has made two or three advancements, being last employed in an office at Jersey City.

Have you tried those fine California Prunes at Howard's?

Mr. Charles Wright, of this city, some time since loaned his celebrated dog "Charlie Norton" to some New Brunswick parties who matched him against the noted dog "Jack" of New York city. The battle was for $500 a side, and took place Saturday evening last at Perth Amboy before a large assemblage of sporting men. "Charlie Norton" was the victor after a fierce fight, lasting forty minutes. It was the greatest dog fight that has occurred in this section in a long time.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD'S HOLIDAY RATES.—Holiday excursion tickets will be sold between stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad December 21st, 1889, to January 1st, 1890, valid for return until January 4th, 1890, inclusive, at two cents per mile. Between New York and Washington, and Baltimore, and between Philadelphia and Washington and Baltimore, and between Philadelphia and New York the ordinary excursion tickets only will be sold at the usual rates and limits.

"AROUND THE WORLD."—The lecture on this subject Tuesday evening, by H. M. Field, D. D., at the Baptist church, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, was quite well attended, though the weather was very unpleasant. The lecture was very interesting, holding the strict attention of the audience as the manners and customs of various nations were depicted from personal observation by the lecturer. The next entertainment will be the Schubert Male Quartet, at the 1st Presbyterian church, January 23d.

An examination of the mortgages on record in the Union County Clerk's office at Elizabeth shows that the heaviest one over entered on the books is that given by the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey to the Central Trust Company of New York. It is for $50 000 000 and is to run for 100 years at five per cent. It is given as a security for the bonded indebtedness of the road, and it also covers all the roadbeds of the Central Company in the State and all the real estate belonging to the company, including its rolling stock.

A large assortment of Nuts, Figs, Candy, Oranges, etc., at Wm. Howard's.

There are but nine regular United States Signal Weather stations in the state of New Jersey. Rahway is numbered among them, and Photographer H. L. Moore of Cherry street, has charge of the service here. Daily dispatches have been and are at present dated at 10 p. m. the evening preceding the display of the signals. On and after Jan. 1st, the dispatches will be received daily at 10 a. m., for the succeeding twenty four hours. If you do not understand the code, apply to Mr. Moore and get a card of printed instructions, free of cost.

Miss Lilian H. Mills, a young lady of this city, recently delivered an essay on Richard III. before the Shakespearean Club, of New York City. This club is composed of many prominent literary people, among whom are Mr. Appleton Morgan, who has written commentaries upon Shakespeare's works, Gen. Chamberlain, ex-Governor of Maine, and Joel Benton, whose articles and poems are well known to magazine readers. Miss Mills has the honor of being the first lady ever asked to write for the club and her criticism upon the play was so well received that several requests for its publication have been made to her.

Dr. Samoine, an English physician, claims that baldness is caused by the invasion of the hair follicles by baccali, which makes the hair brittle, causing it to break off at the skin, and then the roots are attached. If the microbes can be destroyed at an early stage of the proceeding the vitality of the hair may be preserved, but after the follicles are invaded and all their structures injured the baldness is incurable. The Dr. recommends the following remedy if used in time: Ten parts crude cod-liver oil, ten parts of the expressed juice of onions and five parts of mucilage or the yolk of an egg are thoroughly shaken together and the mixture applied to the scalp and well rubbed in once a week.

If you want a fine turkey for the Holidays go to Wm. Howard's, 18 Irving street.

HISTORY OF 2D PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—In 1887 Major Geo. P. Edgar compiled and published a very complete history of the 2d Presbyterian church, of this city, together with references to the other churches. The book was a very interesting one, and has now been made more so by the addition of an account of the services connected with the 40th anniversary, which was observed on Saturday evening and Sunday, Nov 9th and 10th ult. The book is neatly bound and will doubtless have a large sale, not only in Presbyterian circles but among our people generally. It can be obtained at the harness store of Mr. Joseph Wooster, 155 Main street.

The following is the programme of Xmas music at St. Paul's:

Opening Carol, "Jesus is born,"..... Hugg
Anthem, "Thy seat, O God, Endureth Forever."..... Boyce
"Gloria Patri" in D ..... Dudley Buck
"Te Deum" in Bb..... H. Millard
"Jubilate" in Eb..... D. Buck
40th Hymn, "When Marshalled on the Nightly Plain"..... Reichardt
"Gloria Tibi," in G..... Paxton
"Kyrie,"..... Dr. Hodges
17th Hymn, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,"..... G. W. Warren
Offertory, "And there were Shepherds,"..... W. C. Williams.

A large assortment of California Fruits, very fine, at Wm. Howard's, 18 Irving street.

THE FRAZER LEE WILL CASE AGAIN.—On Monday argument was made before Judge VanSyckel, at Elizabeth, for a new trial in this case, which was recently heard in the circuit court of this county, and in which the jury rendered a verdict for the heirs, Daniel and Ezra Hetfield, of Plainfield. The Scotch Plains church people were not satisfied with the verdict, and ex Chancellor Runyon, their lawyer, argued that the verdict should be set aside and a new trial ordered because the verdict was against the evidence and contrary to the Judge's charge. R. V. Lindabury, Esq., counsel for the heirs opposed the motion. The Judge reserved his decision.

At Stacy's, corner Main and Cherry sts., Imperial Cards $2 per dozen, four for $1 until after Jan. 1st, 1890; Minnotte Cards 50 cents per dozen; Tintypes at usual low rates. Gallery open on Xmas and New Year's. dec 6 4w

Don't fool away your hard earned wealth on worthless and injurious soaps but buy Tulip and be happy.

About forty members of St. Joseph's Society and St. Mark's Band of this city went to Hoboken on Sunday last to participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of St. Peter's and St. Paul's new church (Father Hoffschneider's) at Hoboken.

The annual meeting of the Rahway Firemen's Relief Association was held at the Council Chamber on Monday evening, with a full attendance of the members. The following officers were elected for the year:

President, Frank L. Schuppman.
Vice President, Michael Mallon.
Treasurer, John H. Lufberry.
Secretary, S. R. Ryno.

This association is one of the most substantial in the state, and its finances are in good condition. It was organized in 1859 at a meeting in Washington Hall, at which $45 was collected as a nucleus. The association now has $875 in real estate, $4,100 on bond and mortgage and $1,000 Union county bond, besides $800 cash on hand.

F. & A. M.—The annual election of officers of LaFayette Lodge No. 27, F. & A. M., of this city occurred on Monday evening, with the following result:

W. M., John C. Blore
S. W., Chas. E. Reed.
J. W., James Birkett.
Treas., George Miller.
Sec., Albert P. Goodall.
Trustees, Chas. H. Jackson, 5 years, Andrew J Haliday, 4 years, B. F. Thorn, 3 years.
Proxy to Grand Lodge, George Miller.

The installation of the newly elected and appointed officers will take place at a special communication to be held on Monday evening next, at which a full attendance is requested.

You can get the best Nuts, Oranges, Apples and Lemons for the Holidays, at McCormick & Baker's.

A number of the friends of Mr. William F. Agate, one of the staff of the New York *World*, tendered him a reception at the Rahway House last Monday evening. About thirty were present to participate in the evening's enjoyment, which was exceedingly interesting to the participants. The address of the evening was made by the upper Rahway gentleman that succeeded in getting into two pairs of overshoes after the festivities. Some good local singers were present and "Speed Away," "Anchored," and "Marguerite," were highly appreciated by the assemblage. Mr. Agate's "Ah me!" as sung by him was twice encored, and Kilmer's "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," was beautifully rendered. An application will be made to have the "war dance" patented.

R. A. M.—The annual election for officers of LaFayette Chapter No. 26, R A. M., of this city, was held on Thursday evening of last week, with the following result:

M. E. H. P., A. Schoder.
E. K., B. F. Thorn.
E. S., W. L. Harned.
C. of H., Jas. Birkett.
P. S., S. W. Middleton.
R. A. C., Chas. E. Reed.
Treas., Geo. Miller.
Sec., A. P. Goodall.
Trustee—H. C. Ingraham.

The installation will take place at a special convocation to be held Friday evening of this week, Past Grand High Priest of New Jersey, Jas. H. Durand, being the installing officer.

While Joseph D. Shotwell Esq., and daughter (who were out sleighing) were turning from Milton Avenue into Fulton street last Sunday morning, the sleigh ran into a rut in the road and was overturned, throwing the occupants out rather unceremoniously, but without injury. The horse took fright and ran away, the sleigh righting itself. He was stopped while running at full speed, on Hazelwood avenue, by Mr. Isaac Toms, at a great risk; but Mr. Toms held him and drove him to Crowell's Livery on Fulton street, restoring him to his owner Mr. Shotwell, no damage being reported. Mr. Toms says, however, that he does not think he will again expose his life to danger to stop another runaway, as he believes the people do not appreciate such risks.

The Atticus Society held its first sociable of the season on Thursday evening of last week at the residence of Mr. Almeth White, St. George's avenue. It was well attended, and all present had a most enjoyable time. Music was furnished by Stratemeyer, of Elizabeth, and dancing was indulged in until the small hours of the morning. Among those present were Misses Clarkson, Hayward, Martin, Miller, Rollinson, Slater, Taylor, Ella and Annie Baker, of this city, Misses Rue and DeMotte, of Linden, Miss Richards, of Elizabeth and Miss Atkinson of Brooklyn. The gentlemen were Messrs. Ellison, Black, Martin, Campen, Tufts, Waters, Freeman, Howard, Bliss, Wilson, Baker, Van Vliet, White, Skillen, of Elizabeth, DeMotte of Linden, Pease of Princeton and Prime of Brooklyn.

RESCUED FROM A WATERY GRAVE.—Sunday night had passed and the small hours of Monday morning were creeping on, when suddenly the lady of a household in the upper part of the city was aroused from slumber by a sad wailing of distress in the vicinity of her residence. She awakened her spouse and told him that some suffering being surely needed assistance; he hastily arose, and in semi-dress repaired to the yard; the wailing led him to the cistern and there, nearly strangled to death he found Pete—Mr. Lawler's dog, who had accidentally slipped into the watery receptacle. The animal was not able to stand, and had to be carried into the house, where the usual means for resuscitation were applied, and after a thorough rubbing and warming, the canine was allowed to depart for his home.

A GREAT CHRISTMAS ATTRACTION AT THE RAHWAY OPERA HOUSE.—On Christmas day and evening we are to have a rare dramatic treat in the appearance of the Fifth Avenue Theatre Company of New York, in the powerful emotional play of East Lynne or the Elopement, on which occasion Miss Emma Hendricks will appear in her powerful rendition of Lady Isabel, in which character she has appeared in all of the larger cities to large and enthusiastic audiences, and the following abstract from the Buffalo *Courier* will show one of the hundreds of the opinions of the press:

EAST LYNNE.—Miss Emma Hendricks appeared at Wahle's Opera House last evening to a splendid audience, and gave an excellent presentation of "East Lynne." It is a play that calls out much sympathy, and was made more than effective by the touching manner in which some of the pathetic scenes were produced. The Comedy elements are all admirably interwoven.

Tickets are now selling at Terrill's drug store, the best seats at 50 cents.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers Salt Rheum, Fever, Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Brown & Smith.
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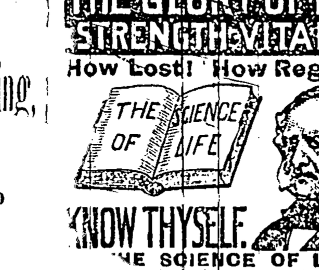

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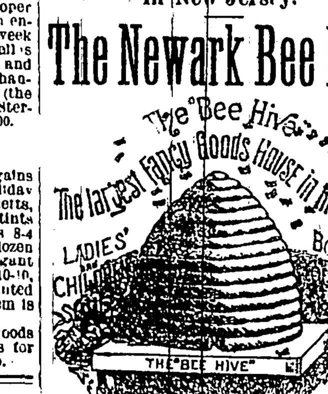

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Ladies' Black Hose, 10, 13, 15, 20c.
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PHUNNY GRAPHS.

SHE WAS MISTAKEN.

She stood at the mirror and arranged her hair
In the style that she thought most becoming,
And smiled as she thought of her "fellow" there
In the parlor alone in the gloaming.

She was taking great comfort in making him wait,
But the fact is, he never had missed her,
He was flirting away at a quite rapid rate
With her pretty eighteen-year-old sis'er.

—*Terre Haute Express.*

WHY HE SMILED.

Proudly he walked down the carpeted aisle
Of the theatre, wreathing his face the whaisle
Into a nappy and satisfied smaisle.

Forstocks! gone up, and he'd made his paisle
And was wearing a scarf tinted "Green of the Naisle,"
And a Jim Dandy suit of the latest staisle.

—*Sartorial Art Journal.*

SHE GOT ONE.

"Oh, what is that belt for? the maiden inquired
Of her lover, who sat by her side,
"Why, that is a life buoy, in danger required,"
The happy young fellow replied.
"I think I'm in danger," the maiden went on
"And I need a life-boy very badly;
I guess I must have one ere this year is gone,"
Said her lover. "I'll be that boy gladly!"

—*Ocean.*

GOOD REASON.

When you forgive an enemy
The stings that smart and blister,
The reason then is one of two—
He is a bigger man than you,
Or has a pretty sister.

—*Liverpool Post.*

Lightning strikes without the assistance of a walking delegate.—[Pittsburgh Chronicle.

The boot is a very helpful institution: it has given many a man a lift.—[Binghamton Herald.

Possibly night would go on forever if it were not stopped by the brake of day.—[Binghamton Herald.

She: "Did you tip the waiter, Charley?" He: "Yes, I tipped my hat to him."—[Burlington Free Press.

Teacher—Which one of the Apostles was a fisherman?

Tommy — Ananias.—[Terre Haute Express.

A facetious burglar, who had broken into an editor's house, said the first thing he struck was a match.—[New York News.

"The tight coat sleeves is now a thing of the past," says a fashion item: but girls who are pretty all know better.—[Somerville Journal.

He (enthusiastically)—The Fitchburg, of course. Why, my dear, there are twenty tunnels on that road, exclusive of the Hoosac.—[Lowell Citizen.

Tom—I love that Chicago girl; I love the ground she treads on.

Small-faced sister—Then you must be fond of real estate.—[Epoch.

Hardpush—Got a new conundrum, Dollerby. If I ask you for ten cents, what is it?

Dollerby—It's dime for me to say no.—[Time.

Dr. Quaker—Mr. McClacker seems to be a man of very broad views. Mr. Whacker—Yes; I don't believe there's a single question on earth that he doesn't straddle.—[Puck.

Mrs. Livermore, in one of her lectures, ridicules the present style of female fashions. Her remarks might be called a woman's satire on woman's attire.—[Norristown Herald.

Gus: "What are you doing nowadays, Algy?" Algy: "Studying the extract of roots." Gus: "Ah, going to be a druggist?" Algy: "No; a dentist."—[Frank Leslie's.

Sol Tingle—I was told to-day that that lovely Miss Perkins was worth more than $50,000 in her own right.

Filius Achates—Humph! That's nothing to her pa value.—[Judge.

The female organist of a Utica church has eloped and married a 14-year-old boy who pumped the organ. The affair has taken the wind out of the choir.—[Binghamton Republican.

In Japan, where "Julius Cæsar" has been brought out, Shakespeare is called "Sekisupiya." This is one of the few ways that Shakespeare never thought of spelling his name.—[Norristown Herald.

We have received a copy of a newspaper "devoted principally to the interests of bondholders." All we want now are some bonds to hold, and then the new paper will interest us immensely.—[Norristown Herald.

First Swell—You seem to be down on George. What is the trouble between you.

Second Swell—Well, you see, we were always friends, but now he has gone and got a pair of trousers at least two inches wider than mine.—[Lowell Citizen.

Biggs: "What a confounded fool Shaw was to hang around that young woman all the evening." Hicks: "Oh, get out! You'd do the same thing under the same circumstances." Biggs: "Yes, and that's what makes me so plaguey mad with Shaw."—[Boston Transcript.

Mr. Muggins—It's a raining and Mrs. Goodsoul wants to go home and I have no umbrella to lend her except my new guinea one. Can I let her have yours?

Mr. Muggins—Hardly! The only umbrella I've got has her husband's name on the handle.—[Glasgow Weekly Mail.

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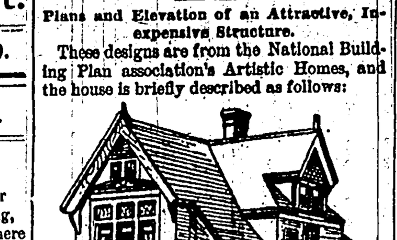
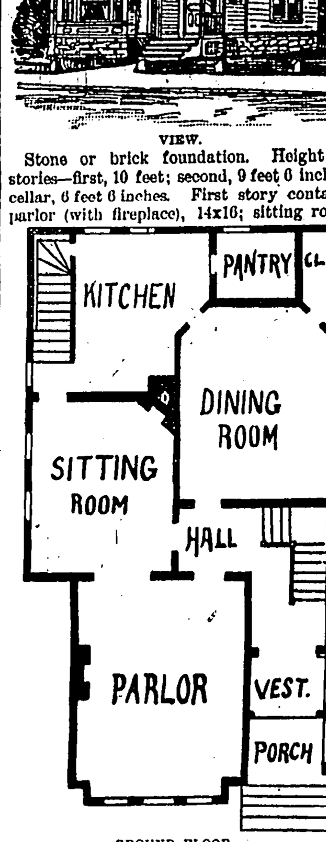


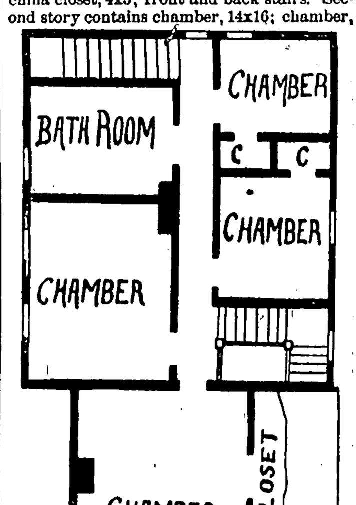
VIEW.

Stone or brick foundation. Height of stories—first, 10 feet; second, 9 feet 6 inches; cellar, 6 feet 6 inches. First story contains parlor (with fireplace), 14x16; sitting room



GROUND FLOOR.

(with fireplace), 12x15; dining room, 13x15 feet 6 inches; kitchen, 10x12; pantry, 5x6; china closet, 4x5; front and back stairs. Second story contains chamber, 14x16; chamber,



SECOND STORY.

12x15; bathroom, 9x12; chamber, 10x11; chamber, 8x10; all chambers have closets.

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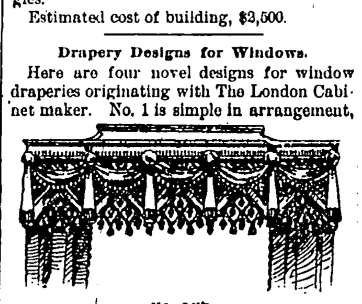
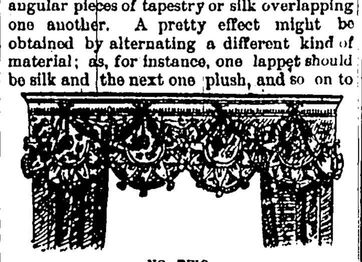


NO. ONE.

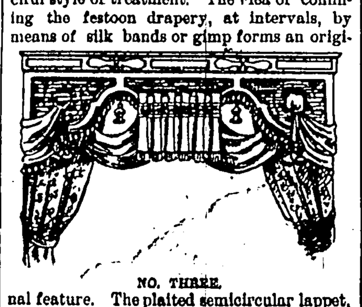
and is supposed to represent a number of triangular pieces of tapestry or silk overlapping one another. A pretty effect might be obtained by alternating a different kind of material; as, for instance, one lappet should be silk and the next one plush, and so on to



NO. TWO.

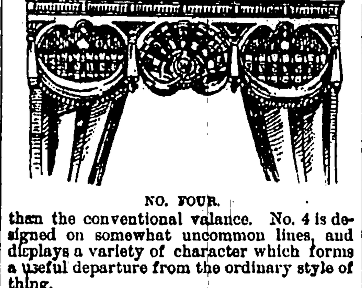
the completion of the whole. The fringed swags and silk covered spindle lattice give a finish to the general character of the valance.

Drapery No. 2 suggests a rather more fanciful style of treatment. The idea of confining the festoon drapery, at intervals, by means of silk bands or gimp forms an origi-



NO. THREE.

nal feature. The plaited semicircular lappet, secured by radiated silk tabs, is most unusual in conception and presents a very busy appearance. The style of No. 3 is perhaps more in keeping with the latest fashion in window drapery, which tends rather more towards broad curtain folds, negligently arranged,



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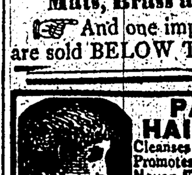

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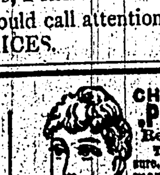

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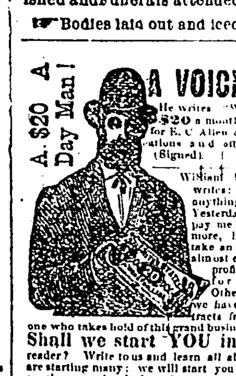

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

... the yuletide merry,
... merry and gay;
... every face
... doth grace,
... Peace, away
... every soul.
... and stole,
... for the livelong day.

... mistletoe hoary,
... with berries red,
... and beam
... and gleam,
... the days that are dead;
... not old,
... hearts grow cold —
... branch above them spread.

... Christmas greeting,
... music of heaven
... friendless and lone,
... kindness' unknown,
... but seldom given;
... forget
... eyes, tear wet,
... with like grief be riven.

... log, burning
... chimney place;
... higher, higher,
... fire,
... warmth and cheer;
... them in
... of sin,
... they still are dear.

... of their childhood
... to blackest night;
... old
... world.
... would find the light.
... care
... share,
... wanderers aright.

... in Excelsis,"
... our souls
... day —
... alway
... broad earth rolls,
... known
... controls.
—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

...STMAS DINNER.

... Joshua Prouty in the ... Rogers' son of Gideon ... married" —

... have entered the ... Prouty, of Chicago, ... the coat-of-arms?"

... Rogers. If you are at ... ready for ... family in America ... Prouty, who, ... 1634, with his wife ... Mr. Prouty."

... the manuscript be... cover of an orna... wisp of her fluffy ... eyes, and went

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... Christmas. Mr. ... his window into ... twenty-eighth street— ... the coming festival in ... the houses opposite, ... boys and express... of dry goods de... present moment Mr. ... either direction, discov... figures approach... tall young man in a ... black overcoat and ... east, a short young ... tinted overcoat and a ... rang, therefore, ... Mr. Prouty evinced ... were his nephews, ... of his deceased broth... commonly known ... departed sister's son. For ... had contributed, un... the vastly greater share of

... one of the maids of his ... household sounded; ... were shown in.

... sat down on a sofa with ... Bub Todd threw himself ... haste and violence. Neither ... Mr. Prouty; it was a formality ... omitted.

... weather," said Bub, deposit... his last call had been ... extracting the $10 nec... purchase—and flipping the ... handkerchief with his silver head... "Where did you get that?" He ... across the room to stare ... the wall. "Oh, come now, ... you were getting a good ... got that! It's execrable.

... fancy to it," said Mr. Prouty,

... Bub tapped his light ... sharply, took an impatient turn ... and bolted off towards the

... understood to be an art... priced studio uptown, ... models, and enriched the ... at which he dealt. But— ... inexplicable to Mr. Prouty, who ... —with the exception of ... Prouty had bought and pre... he had never as yet sold a ... Mr. Prouty been aware that ... stood faced to the wall in ... back garrets, save only on ... was expected to dinner, his be... have been less. As it was, ... nephew's copious explana... committees called cads ... collectors roosters—in puzzled

... loosened the red silk hand... encased his somewhat lengthy ... his throat, and picked up a ... the table.

"... Lambert Robinson,'" he read, with ... "Is it possible that you admire ... bosh?"

"I think it—harmless!" Mr. Prouty faltered.

"He is a fellow of tenth-rate ability," said Selkirk, severely. "His productions are trash—doggerel." He dropped the book in a weariness of disgust, stroked his chin with a languid hand, and strolled in the direction of the secretary.

Selkirk was literary; the fact, by reason of the peculiarities of his apparel and the length of his hair, was easily discernible. He had bachelor apartments on Washington square, including an expensively fitted study and a large library; and Selkirk employed his time in writing poetry. What became of it was dubious. He had published a volume at his own expense—or at Mr. Prouty's; but the first edition, with the exception of press copies, still lay untouched on the publishers' shelves. Mr. Prouty, while surprised at the result, was a firm believer, through the iterations of his nephew, in the depraved idiocy of reviewers and the crassitude of the reading public.

Mr. Prouty looked through the door to where his secretary sat, well hemmed in by his nephews. He was aware that their visits had tripled in frequency and length during the past seven months, and that the carpet on either side of his secretary's desk had begun to look positively dingy and worn; he was aware, in short, that his nephews were jointly and severally in love with Polly Rogers.

Mr. Prouty had told himself that this state of affairs was highly gratifying. He had become attached to his pretty secretary; he was fully conscious of it. What, then, could he so much desire for her as an eventual comfortable settlement? He was aware that, were his showering hand withdrawn, a settlement with Bub Todd or Selkirk Prouty would not be comfortable; but he had no intention of withdrawing it. Apparently, as the situation promised, he should be able by proxy to provide for Polly all the rest of her life; and the thought was a pleasing one. But whether he should provide for Mrs. Bub Todd or Mrs. Selkirk Prouty was a mystery which, though Mr. Prouty had made some few delicate and hesitant attempts to lighten it, was as yet unsolved.

His bronze clock struck twelve; Bub and Selkirk detached themselves slowly from the secretary's desk.

"How shall you spend Christmas?" Mr. Prouty inquired, accompanying his nephews to the door, with his usual cheerful cordiality, and quietly inserting an indorsed check into the hand of each, an attention which Selkirk received with a bow in which there was an element of condescension, and Bob with a nonchalant waive of the hand.

"I shall join friends at Old Point Comfort," Selkirk rejoined, adjusting his red silk handkerchief.

"Geoff Smith's going to have some of us fellows up the river somewhere," said Bub, putting his hat on a corner of his head. "Where will you be?" he added, incidentally, with his head in the hall.

"I shall dine at home," Mr. Prouty replied. "I have invited your Aunt and Uncle Tibbals to dinner and Miss Rogers. Her boarding house dinner would not be a cheerful one, you know."

"No!" cried Bub, shortly.

"Indeed!" said Selkirk, with ironical emphasis, closing the door with a snap. Mr. Prouty, abashed and bewildered, turned back. Polly was standing in the doorway with his manuscript in her hand, her slender form and peachy face and soft, light hair charmingly outlined against the half drawn portiere. Mr. Prouty forgot his perplexity in the sight.

"I am so sorry I have not been able to finish it," she was saying. "I will take it home with me if I may." Polly's hours ended at twelve; in the afternoon she copied in a downtown office.

"No, no; I will not allow it, Miss Rogers," her employer responded, quite warmly. "It is through no fault of your own; you were interrupted," he added, with pleasant jocularity.

Polly smiled in return.

"They are agreeable fellows—my nephews," Mr. Prouty pursued; "rather attractive."

"They seem pleasant," Polly responded.

"They are unlike, to be sure," said Mr. Prouty, musingly. "Selkirk has dignity and repose of manner; Benjamin, with equal stability of character, I am sure, is more impulsive—more effervescent. Which style do you consider the most engaging, Miss Rogers?"

"I have not thought of it," said Polly, meeting his eyes serenely, and with some gentle surprise.

"They are estimable young men, both, Miss Rogers," said Mr. Prouty, desperately. "I believe them to be of deep intrinsic worth, with possibilities of warm affection and protecting strength, should—should there be occasion for it."

"I do not doubt it, Mr. Prouty," said Polly, sweetly.

"They would make good husbands—they would make a good husband, Miss Rogers," said Mr. Prouty, speaking hoarsely in the difficult embarrassment of his effort.

"I am sure you are right," said Polly. She raised her blue eyes in faint alarm, and spoke soothingly.

Her jaunty checked jacket and her high feathered hat hung on a hook near. She put the latter on, and smiled up timidly at Mr. Prouty from under a scrap of veil which stopped at the tip of her straight little nose. Mr. Prouty helped her into her jacket, and restored her fallen handkerchief, and stood looking at her with the admiring thrills and the gentle comfort which the sight of her always gave him, while she pulled on her yellow gloves and buttoned them with an extracted hair-pin, and tucked her hands into her monkey skin muff and tripped away. He even crossed to his window, inthralled by her softening influence, and watched her flitting out of sight, followed by the admiringly retroverted eyes of five successive men whom she met. It occurred to Mr. Prouty that the practice of turning on the street to gaze backward was an offensive one. He put his papers in order absently, and went down to lunch.

Perhaps it was the unending procession of feet which passed the dining room window—feet imbued with a holiday spirit—that gave Mr. Prouty a highly agreeable idea. He went upstairs and put on his hat and overcoat, with a brisk step and a beaming face. He knew nothing about buying Christmas presents, having had small experience; but it had struck him that it would be a very pleasant thing to buy a present for Polly. It would be—what he surely owed her—a token of his esteem and of his appreciation of her services.

It was 5 o'clock when he got back. He had walked down Broadway looking into windows, in helpless indecision, at velvet bonnets, and satin candy boxes, and photographs of actresses and royal personages, and long gloves, and Japanese bric-a-brac and sheet music. He had been drawn into the crowd surging westward along Fourteenth street, and been borne up Sixth avenue like a straw in the rapids, yelled at by the proprietors of booths on either hand, and gazing confusedly over the sea of surrounding heads at five cent Christmas cards, five cent cornucopias, five cent jumping jacks, five cent green tin alligators, five cent pincushions on clamshells and five cent plush monkeys on strings. He had been carried round the corner and into Twenty-third street, and been squeezed, mussed and fatigued through a shadowy succession of stores in which hundreds of pretty girls had shown him millions of articles; and in which cashboys had rushed and floorwalkers had perspired, and sealskinned shoppers had chattered deafeningly; and in which he had grown more and more hopelessly lost. He had even drifted, dazedly, into a toyshop and looked at rubber dolls and wooden soldiers and tin horses and flannel dogs on wheels. And he had come home wearied, rumpled and empty handed.

He sat down with his chin in his hands, thoughtfully. He reflected that his impulse had been a foolish one and that the abortiveness of his effort was not to be regretted. Undoubtedly he should be able—possibly soon—to indulge the fatherly warmth of his desire in the presentation of a handsome wedding gift. Mr. Prouty informed himself that he was exceedingly happy in the contemplation of this prospect; he smiled broadly and rubbed his hands. He was obliged to keep his mind faithfully upon the smile and the attrition of his hands in order to continue them, but he performed them with mechanical regularity for some time.

At 12 o'clock on Christmas day Mr. Prouty, his fine form clothed in holiday attire and his handsome face flushed with eager anticipation, awaited his three expected guests in his study.

Below, the parlors were thrown open, a long vista of comfortable elegance, with flowers in fancy baskets and leaping grate fires; and the darkened dining room shone with the bright array of silver and the scintillations of the laden sideboard; and the odor of the little pig patiently roasting in the range mingled with the aroma of the plum pudding steaming above it, and gently floated in.

The bell rang, and Mr. Prouty, pacing his study floor with an irregularity of pleasurable emotion, hurried downward.

Selkirk Prouty was removing his outer garments before the hall mirror. He wore a turndown collar of some width, covered in the rear by his falling locks, and joined in front by a blue silk scarf; and he carried a package. He greeted Mr. Prouty, standing in speechless astonishment, with a gracious smile.

"I altered my arrangements," he explained, with benignity, "and resolved to join you at your Christmas dinner. Ah; rather cozy," he admitted, rubbing his hands before the grate, with an unbending of complacent benevolence. "Miss Rogers has not arrived? I have a slight token to present to her." He unwrapped a volume of his poems and placed it at a conspicuous point on the mantel.

Mr. Prouty opened his lips forcibly, with a gasp, and strove to speak. He assured himself, strenuously, that nothing more gratifying could possibly have occurred. It would be an excellent opportunity for the furtherance of his hopes regarding Polly; possibly the occasion would bring about a happy culmination. He reproached himself for having omitted Selkirk from his primal arrangement.

"I wish to see Miss Rogers privately, by the way," Selkirk continued. "I have a matter to discuss with her, which has been for some time upon my mind, and it occurred to me to embrace this opportunity."

"Certainly—certainly," Mr. Prouty murmured. He looked at his nephew hopefully. His well poised dignity, his self centered manliness, had never appeared to greater advantage, surely. If there were a choice between his nephews as regarded their fitness for Polly, Mr. Prouty believed that Selkirk was that choice.

"If some little management proves necessary for my seeing Miss Rogers privately," Selkirk added, spreading his blue scarf, "I may depend on your assistance?"

"Assuredly, assuredly," Mr. Prouty responded, with hurried warmth.

"Ah, thanks!" Selkirk sank into a chair in a languor of self recollection.

The bell pealed; Mr. Prouty hastened into the hall with a beating heart—and stopped in amazement.

It was Bub Todd and a messenger boy carrying a large and very carefully enveloped burden.

"Didn't look for me, eh?" said Bub, removing his pale gloves. "Well, changed my plans and concluded I'd drop in. Just put on another plate, Molly," he remarked to the retreating girl.

"Two, Mary," Mr. Prouty faltered.

Bub glanced into the parlor; frowned at the disclosure of his cousin, and lowered his voice.

"She ain't here yet? Brought her a little present; little thing I've been doing." He removed its wrappings and placed it in an advantageous light against the hat rack. "How's that?" He rubbed his dangling glass with his scented handkerchief and seized Mr. Prouty's lapel. "See here, I want to see her when she comes; want to have a confab about a little matter. Keep the gang off and give me a chance, will you—eh?"

Mr. Prouty hesitated, bewilderedly. Bub's impulsiveness, his offhanded spontaneity struck him with fresh force, and favorably. Perhaps Polly's clinging sweetness—Mr. Prouty was certain that Polly's nature was one of clinging sweetness—would crave more warmth, more demonstrative ardor than Selkirk would be likely to lavish upon her; perhaps—yes, surely—Bub would make her happier.

"Eh?" Bub repeated, sharply.

"Why, yes; to be sure, my boy," said Mr. Prouty, with dazed cordiality, and Bub sauntered into the parlor, yawning.

The bell jingled again, this time with a gentle timidity. Mr. Prouty felt a thrill, half of poignant pleasure and half of painful apprehension, tingle through him. He went forward at an unsteady pace.

Yes—it was Polly. She met Mr. Prouty with a pleasant smile, and a pretty flush, and laid her gloved hand in his, with her blue eyes swiftly raised to him; and covered his agitated silence by chatting brightly of the day and the weather, as she laid aside her jacket, and rolled up her gloves and put them in her muff, and pinned her veil to her hat, and pressed her dextrous hands to the shining blonde aureole above her charming face, and went with her host into the warm, fire lighted, flower scented parlor.

She started back in shy alarm at the sight of the two masculine figures within. Selkirk rose hastily from the chair in which he was half dozing. Bub, bounded from the sofa upon which he was unconventionally reclining. They hurried forward simultaneously, and Polly bowed to them each, with a sweetly impartial smile. Bub looked at Selkirk frowningly; Selkirk returned the look with haughty coldness.

"It is a delightfully beautiful day, Miss Rogers," he remarked, drawing a chair near to her.

"It is very pleasant," said Polly.

"The glad Christmas-tide—who does not welcome it?" Selkirk demanded. He looked suggestively and severely at Mr. Prouty, and Mr. Prouty, with a sudden startled remembrance, turned hastily to Bub.

"I—I have some engravings I think you have not seen, Benjamin," he said. "They are in the back parlor."

Bub had slapped down a chair at Polly's vacant side.

"Jolly day, Miss Rogers?" he observed.

"They are from recent French paintings, Benjamin," said Mr. Prouty, anxiously "You will be interested in examining them."

"I'm awfully glad you're on hand, Miss Rogers," said Bub, turning upon Mr. Prouty with an amazed and threatening glare.

"It is a day of bright associations and blessed hopes," Selkirk proceeded.

"I have not shown you my new edition of 'Carlyle,' Selkirk," Mr. Prouty faltered, struck by a wave of confused recollection. "If you will come upstairs for a moment to the library"—

"It is a season of peace and love," said Selkirk with a stern gaze of wrathful consternation at Mr. Prouty.

"You're looking tip-top, Miss Rogers," Bub put in.

"They include some Bonheurs and Meissoniers, Benjamin," said Mr. Prouty, dazedly. "If you will come into the back parlor"—

Bub rose to his limited height with a violent jerk. Mr. Prouty wiped the perspiration from his forehead.

"There is a portrait and biography, Selkirk," he gasped, with Bub's fierce eyes upon him. "Shall we go up to the library?"

"What do you mean by not going, sir?" Bub demanded, eyeing his tall cousin ferociously.

"To whom are you speaking, sir?" Selkirk rejoined, rising with stern dignity.

"Miss Rogers, may I request you to accompany me to the further end of the room? I desire to speak to you privately; without interference."

"Will you go into the hall with me, Miss Rogers?" Bub demanded, glowing with wrath.

Polly, standing with fluttering breath and clasped hands, was timidly, shrinkingly silent.

Bub glared at Selkirk.

"You're a cad, sir!" he remarked, with savage force.

"You're a puppy," Selkirk responded, with equal ire.

Mr. Prouty mopped the anguished beads from his brow and gazed at Polly. Polly's eyes were lifted to his. Her lips were parted tremulously; her color came and went swiftly; her soft eyes looked into his own with timorous fright and sweet appeal and yearning trustfulness—and—

Mr. Prouty stared at her in breathless wonder, in wide eyed bewilderment, in dazed incredulity and delirious joy. A great light burst over him. He felt his face paling and his limbs trembling and his strength forsaking him; but he opened his arms wide. And his little secretary, bursting into a soft shower of tears, tripped into them and threw her own snugly about his neck, and buried her tenderly tearful, smiling face upon his breast.

There was a pause of some duration. The rattle of a confectioner's wagon outside and the thud of an ice cream pail on the pavement resounded with a startling distinctness. The roast-pig-and-plum-pudding odor wandered up and mingled with the fragrance of the flowers. The brass dog on the mantel looked down in impassive calm. Bub Todd emitted a long, low pitched whistle, strolled up and down the room for a space, with his hands in his pockets; sauntered into the hall and placed his painting with its face towards the baseboard and sauntered back. Selkirk Prouty cleared his throat, mechanically rearranged a displaced lock, went to the mantel and deposited his volume of poems behind a large vase and sat down reflectively. The bell rang a loud and cheerful peal, and the maid came up to admit the two remaining guests and to announce the readiness of the Christmas dinner.

Mr. Prouty's secretary became Mrs. Prouty six weeks later, and sailed with her late employer on a European wedding tour. The numerous Proutys resident in America have not as yet received a gilt edged copy of their family history for the reason that it has never been completed.—Emma A. Opper in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.

On the morning of May 20, 1863, Garibaldi breakfasted on bread and cheese in the house of Michele Baccoli. As a memento of the occasion this gentleman preserved the crumbs that Garibaldi left. He has now presented them in a sealed bottle to the National Museum of Brescia.

In the Cascade mountains, about seventy-five miles from Jacksonville, Ore., is to be found the Great Sunken lake, the deepest lake in the world. It is said to average 2,000 feet down to the water on all sides. The depth of the water is unknown. It is about fifteen miles long by four and a half wide.

A CHRISTMAS SERENADE.

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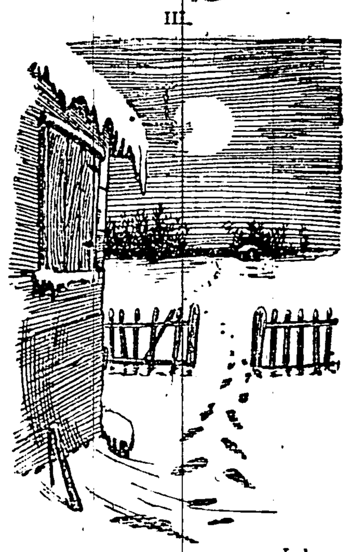

—Judge.

Christmas Trees.

It may seem surprising, but it is nevertheless true, that the cutting of evergreens for Christmas trees is doing serious damage to the forests in some sections. This wholesale destruction of valuable young trees is becoming painfully apparent in the gradual wiping out of woodland in some of the most picturesque portions of the Catskill and Adirondack mountains, and many of the trout streams are drying up. Even small forests help to serve as reservoirs to water, for under the trees the ground is apt to be less spongy, thereby retaining for a time water from rainfalls, and later on allowing it to escape in tiny rivulets as feeders to brooks, big and small.

Confidence.

Tramp (to little Willie, who has opened the door)—Have yer had yer Christmas dinner yet, little boy?

Little Willie—No; we're just going to eat it now.

Tramp—Then perhaps, if I wait around, I can get some of the eatables left over.

Little Willie (feeling of his stomach)—There ain't going to be anything left.

An Awful Possibility.

Little Emma—Mover, won't we see Tris Tingle agin afore next Tris'mas?

"No, dear."

"Umhe. Mebby he might dit sick and die afore nen an' nen we'd be in a bad fix."—Kentucky State Journal.

Would Catch Up.

Customer (in restaurant)—You may bring me for my Christmas dinner, waiter, a nice cut of turkey, to be followed by a piece of mince pie.

Waiter—Yessir. Will you have cheese also, sir?

Customer—Yes; you can let the cheese follow the pie.

PEN SQUIBS.

The primitive pen was a chisel and the tablet was rock.

Later on a pencil made of camel's hair was used in the far east and also in Egypt.

The date of the quill pen is placed at A. D. 553, though many scholars think it was of later origin.

The Hollanders made the best quill pens, and as much as $10 in value was commonly given for a single quill.

When parchment and papyrus came into use something more flexible was necessary, so pens were made of reeds.

In Persia, Greece and Syria the pen was a stylus made of metal, bone or ivory, with one end sharpened to a point.

At the last census there were sixteen gold pen factories in the United States, and they employed 254 hands, producing $483,001 worth of goods.

The glass pen was simply the old stylus with grooves down the sides to hold the ink, but they were clumsy, untidy and so easily broken that they were practically worthless.

In 1803 a man named Wise made, what he called a barrel pen. It was bent or grooved like the pens of the present day, and was the first pen ever made of metal in the shape suggested by the goose quill, all the others having been flat.

In 1820 Joseph Gillott, who had a factory where toys were made, fashioned a steel pen which commanded instant favor, and Mason, Mitchell and Perry soon followed him. These were all Englishmen, and their product soon became popular, though their price was $36 a gross wholesale.—Chicago Herald.

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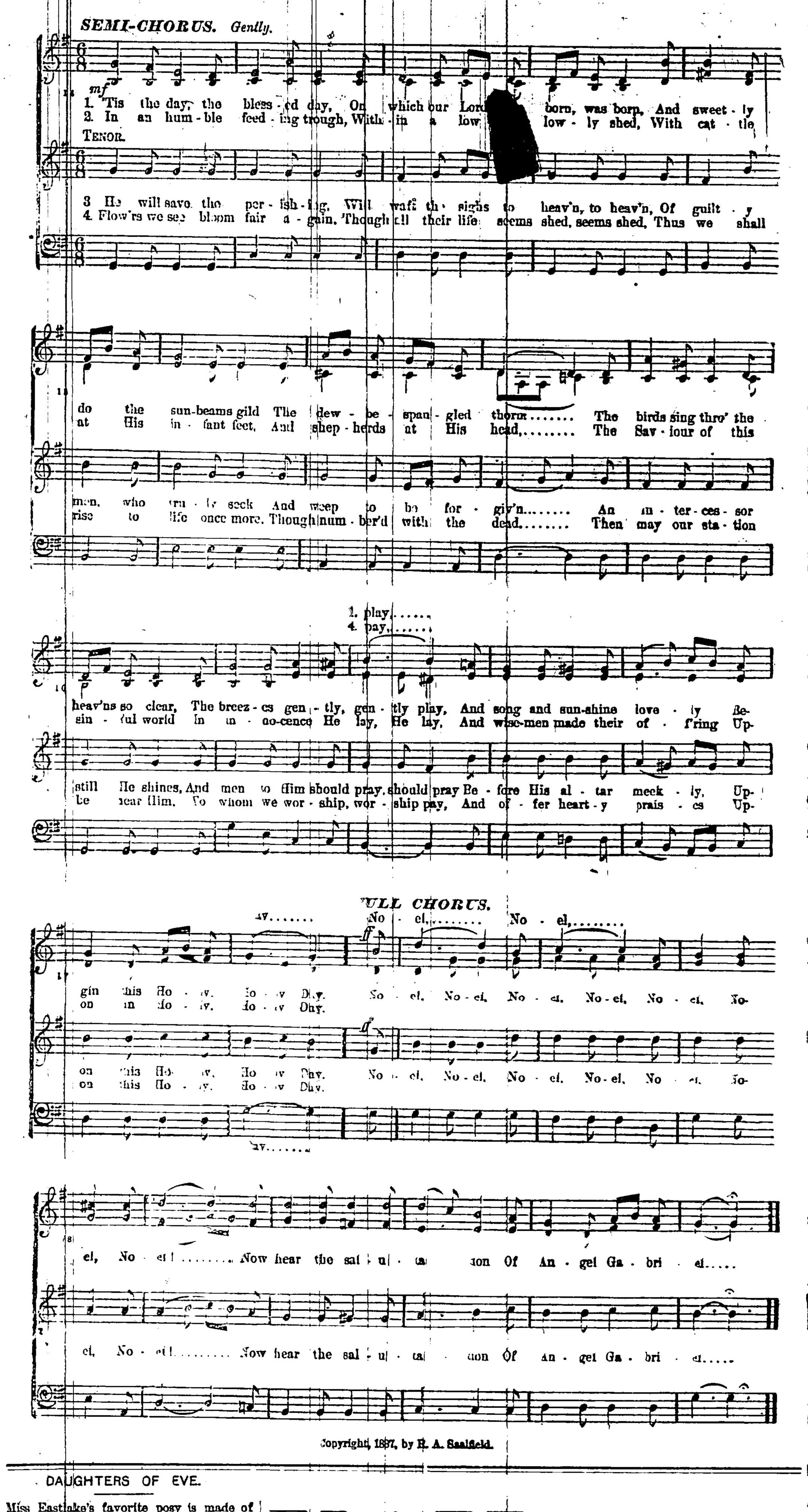

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DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

Miss Eastlake's favorite posy is made of white and purple violets.

Mrs. Southworth, who killed Pettus, is said to be a victim of the chloral habit.

The Duchess of Portland recently joined the Ladies' grand council of the Primrose league.

Miss Jane Cobden has been elected a vice president of the London County Government association.

Miss Bertha Willard Brown is the first woman who has won a state scholarship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mrs. Margaret Custer Calhoun, a sister of the late Gen. Custer, is gaining quite a reputation in New York as a parlor elocutionist.

Two ladies, Mrs. Eliza Chrisman and Mrs. C. A. Rippey, have been placed on the board of trustees for the university soon to be founded at Topeka, Kan.

Miss Kate Drexel, now known as Sister Katharine, has purchased sixty acres of land at Andalusia, near Philadelphia, as the site for a convent she intends to build.

Mrs. Ellen Swallow-Richards, of the class of '70, who is the only woman instructor in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has charge of the water analysis of the state board of health.

George Sand made 1,000,000 francs by her literary labors and gave it all away except 20,000, which she invested in order, as she said, that in case she fell sick her herb tea would not cost her children anything.

Speaker Reed's wife is low of stature, comely and plump of figure, with wavy dark brown hair growing low on her forehead, and ingenuous, laughing eyes. She looks scarcely 35, and has but one child, a daughter of 13.

Miss Marie Corelli only made her success as a writer by means of long and hard efforts against adverse influences. She is a clever musician, and is described as petite, with a great lot of fluffy yellow hair, and a bright, chubby, baby face.

Mrs. Mulligan, who is in charge of the pension agency at Chicago, has paid out over $28,000,000 to pensioners during the four years of her incumbency of the office. She is the widow of Col. James A. Mulligan, one of the gallant soldiers of Illinois.

Mrs. George Pickett is one of the first-class clerks in the pension office at Washington. She was married during the war, when the varying fortunes of the conflict had placed her and her lover on opposite sides of the lines, and the meeting for the ceremony was attended with danger and adventure. Mrs. Pickett was 15 years old then, and now, in her forties, retains much of the beauty which made her a charming bride.

A Terrible Misunderstanding.

A young man on his way home from the theatre was so displeased with a certain actor that he told his girl, who is a trifle hard of hearing, that the certain actor referred to knew about as much about acting as an oyster.

But she misunderstood him altogether.

"Oysters, Googee?" she said, "isn't it rather late in the season for oysters? But I wouldn't mind a little French cream."—The Epoch.

Taking Him at His Word.

Dentist—It will be over so quickly you will hardly feel it, Tommy, and you'll be at least $10 better off when you can hold that tooth in your hand and look at it.

Tommy (looking at it a few moments later)—I think I'll keep the half dollar papa gave me to pay you, doctor. That tooth's worth $10, but you can have it for pullin' it. Well, I must go.—Chicago Tribune.

Borrowing Without Consent.

A.—What have they sent you to jail for, comrade?

B.—For borrowing five thalers of an old usurer.

A.—Why, I never heard of a man being locked up for borrowing!

B.—Yes; but I had to knock the fellow down before he would lend them.—Alma... de la Risa.

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PHUNNY GRAPHS.

SHE WAS MISTAKEN.

She stood at the mirror and arranged her hair
In the style that she thought most becoming,
And smiled as she thought of her "fellow" there
In the parlor alone in the gloaming.

She was taking great comfort in making him wait;
But the fact is, he never had missed her,
He was flirting away at a quite rapid rate
With her pretty eighteen-year-old sis'er.
—*Terre Haute Express.*

WHY HE SMILED.

Proudly he walked down the carpeted aisle
Of the theatre, wreathing his face the whaisle
Into a nappy and satisfied smaisle.

For stocks I gone up, and he'd made his paisle
And was wearing a scarf tinted "Green of the Naisle,"
And a Jim Dandy suit of the latest staisle.
—*Sartorial Art Journal.*

SHE GOT ONE.

"Oh, what is that belt for? the maiden inquired
Of her lover, who sat by her side,
"Why, that is a life buoy, in danger required,"
The happy young fellow replied.
"I think I'm in danger," the maiden went on
"And I need a life-boy very badly;
I guess I must have one ere this year is gone,"
Said her lover. "I'll be that boy gladly!"
—*Ocean.*

GOOD REASON.

When you forgive an enemy
The stings that smart and blister,
The reason then is one of two—
He is a bigger man than you,
Or has a pretty sister.
—*Liverpool Post.*

Lightning strikes without the assistance of a walking delegate.—[Pittsburgh Chronicle.

The boot is a very helpful institution: it has given many a man a lift.—[Binghamton Herald.

Possibly night would go on forever if it were not stopped by the brake of day.—[Binghamton Herald.

She: "Did you tip the waiter, Charley?" He: "Yes, I tipped my hat to him."—[Burlington Free Press.

Teacher—Which one of the Apostles was a fisherman?

Tommy — Ananias.—[Terre Haute Express.

A facetious burglar, who had broken into an editor's house, said the first thing he struck was a match.—[New York News.

"The tight coat sleeves is now a thing of the past," says a fashion item: but girls who are pretty all know better.—[Somerville Journal.

He (enthusiastically)—The Fitchburg, of course. Why, my dear, there are twenty tunnels on that road, exclusive of the Hoosac.—[Lowell Citizen.

Tom—I love that Chicago girl; I love the ground she treads on.

Small-faced sister—Then you must be fond of real estate.—[Epoch.

Hardpush—Got a new conundrum, Dollerby. If I ask you for ten cents, what is it?

Dollerby—It's dime for me to say no.—[Time.

Dr. Quaker—Mr. McClacker seems to be a man of very broad views. Mr. Whacker—Yes; I don't believe there's a single question on earth that he doesn't straddle.—[Puck.

Mrs. Livermore, in one of her lectures, ridicules the present style of female fashions. Her remarks might be called a woman's satire on woman's attire.—[Norristown Herald.

Gus: "What are you doing nowadays, Algy?" Algy: "Studying the extract of roots." Gus: "Ah, going to be a druggist?" Algy: "No; a dentist."—[Frank Leslie's.

Sol Tingle—I was told to-day that that lovely Miss Perkins was worth more than $50,000 in her own right.

Fidus Achates—Humph! That's nothing to her pa value.—[Judge.

The female organist of a Utica church has eloped and married a 14-year-old boy who pumped the organ. The affair has taken the wind out of the choir.—[Binghamton Republican.

In Japan, where "Julius Cæsar" has been brought out, Shakespeare is called "Sekisupiya." This is one of the few ways that Shakespeare never thought of spelling his name.—[Norristown Herald.

We have received a copy of a newspaper "devoted principally to the interests of bondholders." All we want now are some bonds to hold, and then the new paper will interest us immensely.—[Norristown Herald.

First Swell—You seem to be down on George. What is the trouble between you.

Second Swell—Well, you see, we were always friends, but now he has gone and got a pair of trousers at least two inches wider than mine.—[Lowell Citizen.

Biggs: "What a confounded fool Shaw was to hang around that young woman all the evening." Hicks: "Oh, get out! You'd do the same thing under the same circumstances." Briggs: "Yes, and that's what makes me so plaguey mad with Shaw."—[Boston Transcript.

Mr. Muggins—It's a raining and Mrs. Goodsoul wants to go home and I have no umbrella to lend her except my new guinea one. Can I let her have yours?

Mr. Muggins—Hardly! The only umbrella I've got has her husband's name on the handle.—[Glasgow Weekly Mail.

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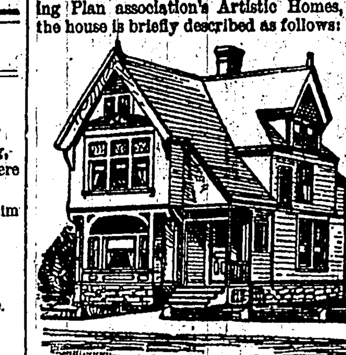
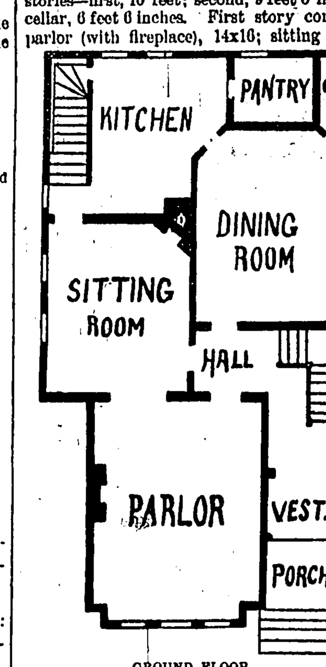


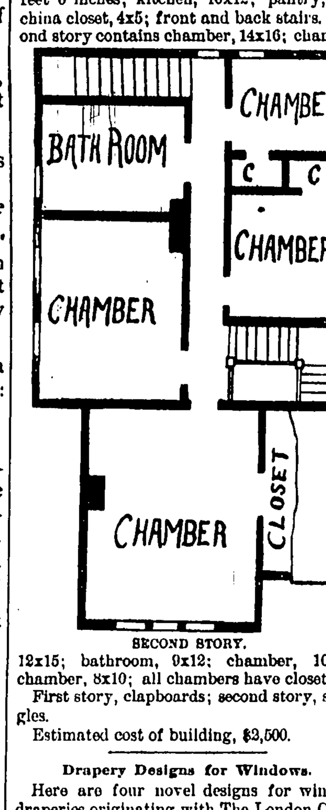
VIEW.

Stone or brick foundation. Height of stories—first, 10 feet; second, 9 feet 6 inches; cellar, 6 feet 6 inches. First story contains parlor (with fireplace), 14x16; sitting room



GROUND FLOOR.

(with fireplace), 12x15; dining room, 13x15 feet 6 inches; kitchen, 10x12; pantry, 5x6; china closet, 4x5; front and back stairs. Second story contains chamber, 14x16; chamber,



SECOND STORY.

12x15; bathroom, 9x12; chamber, 10x11; chamber, 8x10; all chambers have closets.

First story, clapboards; second story, shingles.

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Drapery Designs for Windows.

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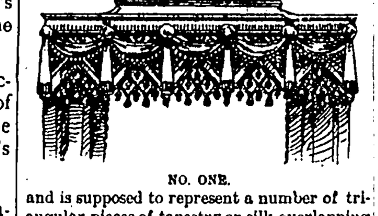


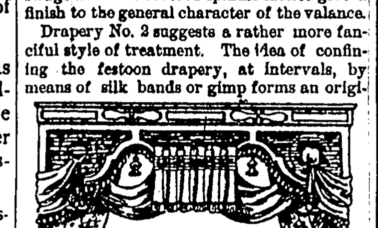
NO. ONE.

and is supposed to represent a number of triangular pieces of tapestry or silk overlapping one another. A pretty effect might be obtained by alternating a different kind of material; as, for instance, one lappet should be silk and the next one plush, and so on to

NO. TWO.

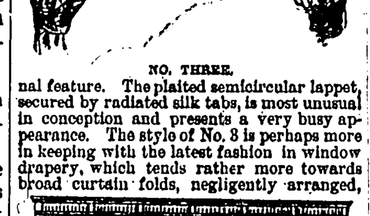
the completion of the whole. The fringed swags and silk covered spindle lattice give a finish to the general character of the valance.

Drapery No. 2 suggests a rather more fanciful style of treatment. The idea of confining the festoon drapery, at intervals, by means of silk bands or gimp forms an origi-



NO. THREE.

nal feature. The plaited semicircular lappet, secured by radiated silk tabs, is most unusual in conception and presents a very busy appearance. The style of No. 3 is perhaps more in keeping with the latest fashion in window drapery, which tends rather more towards broad curtain folds, negligently arranged,



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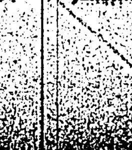
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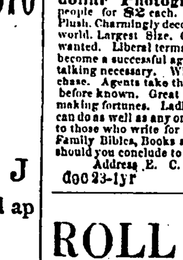

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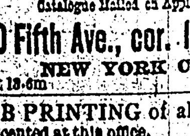
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A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Ho for the yuletide merry,
The yuletide merry and gay;
When every face
Good will doth grace,
And beautiful Peace, away
From every soul,
In her hood and stole,
Drives care for the livelong day.

Here's to the mistletoe hoary,
And the holly with berries red,
On rafter and beam
That glisten and gleam,
As they did in the days that are dead;
Love grows not old,
Nor do hearts grow cold
With the yule branch above them spread.

Here's to the Christmas greeting,
Sweet as the music of heaven
To the friendless and lone,
To whom kindness' unknown,
Or to whom 'tis but seldom given;
Let us not forget
Sorrow's eyes, tear wet,
Lest our hearts with like grief be riven.

Ho for the yule log, burning
In the wide old chimney place;
Pile it higher, higher,
The Christmas fire,
Fill the house with warmth and cheer;
Then gather them in
From the haunts of sin,
To the Christ child, they still are dear.

Though the sunshine of their childhood
They have turned to blackest night,
Starless and cold
Is the dismal world,
And again some would find the light.
The dear Christ's care
Let me lovingly share,
To guide the wanderers aright.

Let the "Gloria in Excelsis,"
With its music, flood our souls
On this blessed day—
May it swell alway,
Till its tide o'er the broad earth rolls,
For Christ child's known
From zone to zone,
And his love her millions controls.
—Sarah Louise Morris in Chicago Inter-Ocean.

A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

"You have inserted Joshua Prouty in the classification, Miss Rogers? son of Gideon Prouty, born 18[illegible], married"——

"Yes, Mr. Prouty."

"Thank you. And you have entered the testimony of Leonard Prouty, of Chicago, concerning the origin of the coat-of-arms?"

"Yes."

"Thank you, Miss Rogers. If you are at leisure I have my introduction ready for copying. 'The Prouty family in America was founded by Christopher Prouty, who, coming from England in 1634, with his wife Priscilla, settled at Dorchester'"——

"It is quite legible, Mr. Prouty."

The secretary spread the manuscript before [illegible] the cover of an ornamental [illegible] pushed a wisp of her fluffy [illegible] her blue eyes, and went demurely to work.

Mr. Prouty went back into his study, which adjoined the room in which his secretary was engaged. As he sank into his deep, soft-padded easy chair, he bent forward, half unconsciously, and turned the brass framed mirror on his table in such a position as to reflect that corner of the next room in which sat his secretary. He found it pleasant, when he looked up from the letters he was methodically [illegible] and labeling, his glance [illegible] to note therein the dim, [illegible] vision of a fair head, bent [illegible] of a silver hairpin half lost in a [illegible] and the outline of a soft [illegible] a round chin pressed into a pretty [illegible] two by a rim of white [illegible]. Mr. Prouty respectfully and innocently enjoyed that pleasure. From a like [illegible] he was wont, in his mental references [illegible] to call his secretary by her first name, which was Polly. He thought Polly a very pretty name.

He had begun to be faintly suspicious that the acquirement of a secretary was the one redeeming point in the compilation of a family history.

He had undertaken it merely as a recreation; at 45 [illegible], with his muscular form, [illegible], and his genial, fresh complexion, he looked ten years younger; [illegible] an inherited mercantile business [illegible] ample bank account and [illegible]. He intended the acceptance [illegible] remuneration; he expected to [illegible] carved and in gilt lettered [illegible] existing Prouty.

[illegible] dawned upon him that the task was [illegible] one. The Prouty family was [illegible] large and widely scattered. Mr. Prouty [illegible] the past seven months, had traveled over a large portion of the United States, pored over deeds and wills and marriage records in court houses innumerable, [illegible] inscriptions in scores of cemeteries, [illegible] written 1,672 letters and received [illegible] upon all of which Mr. Prouty had paid the postage. And as yet the history was [illegible] in a stage of red and pulpy infancy.

The comparative feebleness and vanity of the effort [illegible] had now and then forced itself upon his consciousness. It had occurred to him that whether Jabez Prouty had been born in 1720 or 1721, and when Melancthon Prouty had married Nancy Higginson; and whether the tail of the lion which stood on its rear legs in the center of the coat of arms should properly curl and wave to the left, as was urged by Renwick Prouty, of New Orleans, or tend to the right, uncurled, as was insisted upon by Leonard Prouty, of Chicago—were not, perhaps, the most profound and pressing problems of the day.

It wanted three days till Christmas. Mr. Prouty [illegible] through his window into the street beneath—Twenty-eighth street—caught a [illegible] of the coming festival in the [illegible] from the houses opposite, the [illegible] messenger boys and expressmen, and the rattling rush of dry goods delivery wagons. At the present moment Mr. Prouty, glancing in either direction, discovered two [illegible] dissimilar figures approaching: from the west, a tall young man in a peculiar garb of long black overcoat and [illegible] hat; from the east, a short young man in a short, pale tinted overcoat and a [illegible] hat. When the bell rang, therefore, twice in quick succession, Mr. Prouty evinced no surprise. The callers were his nephews, Selkirk Prouty, the son of his deceased brother, and Benjamin Todd, commonly known as Bub Todd, his departed sister's son. For some years Mr. Prouty had contributed, unmurmuringly, the vastly greater share of their support.

The light step of one of the maids of his well ordered bachelor household sounded; and his nephews were shown in.

Selkirk Prouty sat down on a sofa with decorous dignity. Bub Todd threw himself into a chair with haste and violence. Neither had greeted Mr. Prouty; it was a formality which they commonly omitted.

"Beastly cold weather," said Bub, depositing his hat on a table—his last call had been for the purpose of extracting the $10 necessary for its purchase—and flipping the shade on the chandelier with his silver headed stick. "Where did you get that?" He strode turbulently across the room to stare at an etching on the wall. "Oh, come now, you didn't think you were getting a good thing when you got that? It's execrable. Bah!"

"I took a fancy to it," said Mr. Prouty, apologetically.

"Beastly—beastly!" Bub tapped his light uppered shoe sharply, took an impatient turn about the room, and bolted off towards the secretary's desk.

Bub was generally understood to be an artist. He had a high priced studio uptown, patronized the best models, and enriched the art material store at which he dealt. But—the fact was inexplicable to Mr. Prouty, who met his weighty bills—with the exception of nine which Mr. Prouty had bought and presented to friends, he had never as yet sold a picture. Had Mr. Prouty been aware that the nine paintings stood faced to the wall in nine respective back garrets, save only on days when he was expected to dinner, his bewilderment might have been less. As it was, he listened to his nephew's copious explanations—heard gallery committees called cads and private collectors roosters—in puzzled sympathy.

Selkirk Prouty loosened the red silk handkerchief which incased his somewhat lengthy neck, cleared his throat, and picked up a volume from the table.

"'G. Lambert Robinson,'" he read, with sternness. "Is it possible that you admire that imbecile's bosh?"

"I think it—harmless!" Mr. Prouty faltered.

"He is a fellow of tenth-rate ability," said Selkirk, severely. "His productions are trash—doggerel." He dropped the book in a weariness of disgust, stroked his chin with a languid hand, and strolled in the direction of the secretary.

Selkirk was literary; the fact, by reason of the peculiarities of his apparel and the length of his hair, was easily discernible. He had bachelor apartments on Washington square, including an expensively fitted study and a large library; and Selkirk employed his time in writing poetry. What became of it was dubious. He had published a volume at his own expense—or at Mr. Prouty's; but the first edition, with the exception of press copies, still lay untouched on the publishers' shelves. Mr. Prouty, while surprised at the result, was a firm believer, through the iterations of his nephew, in the depraved idiocy of reviewers and the crassitude of the reading public.

Mr. Prouty looked through the door to where his secretary sat, well hemmed in by his nephews. He was aware that their visits had tripled in frequency and length during the past seven months, and that the carpet on either side of his secretary's desk had begun to look positively dingy and worn; he was aware, in short, that his nephews were jointly and severally in love with Polly Rogers.

Mr. Prouty had told himself that this state of affairs was highly gratifying. He had become attached to his pretty secretary; he was fully conscious of it. What, then, could he so much desire for her as an eventual comfortable settlement? He was aware that, were his showering hand withdrawn, a settlement with Bub Todd or Selkirk Prouty would not be comfortable; but he had no intention of withdrawing it. Apparently, as the situation promised, he should be able by proxy to provide for Polly all the rest of her life; and the thought was a pleasing one. But whether he should provide for Mrs. Bub Todd or Mrs. Selkirk Prouty was a mystery which, though Mr. Prouty had made some few delicate and hesitant attempts to lighten it, was as yet unsolved.

His bronze clock struck twelve; Bub and Selkirk detached themselves slowly from the secretary's desk.

"How shall you spend Christmas?" Mr. Prouty inquired, accompanying his nephews to the door, with his usual cheerful cordiality, and quietly inserting an indorsed check into the hand of each, an attention which Selkirk received with a bow in which there was an element of condescension, and Bob with a nonchalant waive of the hand.

"I shall join friends at Old Point Comfort," Selkirk rejoined, adjusting his red silk handkerchief.

"Geoff Smith's going to have some of us fellows up the river somewhere," said Bub, putting his hat on a corner of his head. "Where will you be?" he added, incidently, with his head in the hall.

"I shall dine at home," Mr. Prouty replied. "I have invited your Aunt and Uncle Tibbals to dinner and Miss Rogers. Her boarding house dinner would not be a cheerful one, you know."

"No!" cried Bub, shortly.

"Indeed!" said Selkirk, with ironical emphasis, closing the door with a snap. Mr. Prouty, abashed and bewildered, turned back. Polly was standing in the doorway with his manuscript in her hand, her slender form and peachy face and soft, light hair charmingly outlined against the half drawn portiere. Mr. Prouty forgot his perplexity in the sight.

"I am so sorry I have not been able to finish it," she was saying. "I will take it home with me if I may." Polly's hours ended at twelve; in the afternoon she copied in a downtown office.

"No, no; I will not allow it, Miss Rogers," her employer responded, quite warmly. "It is through no fault of your own; you were interrupted," he added, with pleasant jocularity.

Polly smiled in return.

"They are agreeable fellows—my nephews," Mr. Prouty pursued; "rather attractive."

"They seem pleasant," Polly responded.

"They are unlike, to be sure," said Mr. Prouty, musingly. "Selkirk has dignity and repose of manner; Benjamin, with equal stability of character, I am sure, is more impulsive—more effervescent. Which style do you consider the most engaging, Miss Rogers?"

"I have not thought of it," said Polly, meeting his eyes serenely, and with some gentle surprise.

"They are estimable young men, both, Miss Rogers," said Mr. Prouty, desperately. "I believe them to be of deep intrinsic worth, with possibilities of warm affection and protecting strength, should—should there be occasion for it."

"I do not doubt it, Mr. Prouty," said Polly, sweetly.

"They would make good husbands—they would make a good husband, Miss Rogers," said Mr. Prouty, speaking hoarsely in the difficult embarrassment of his effort.

"I am sure you are right," said Polly. She raised her blue eyes in faint alarm, and spoke soothingly.

Her jaunty checked jacket and her high feathered hat hung on a hook near. She put the latter on, and smiled up timidly at Mr. Prouty from under a scrap of veil which stopped at the tip of her straight little nose. Mr. Prouty helped her into her jacket, and restored her fallen handkerchief, and stood looking at her with the admiring thrills and the gentle comfort which the sight of her always gave him, while she pulled on her yellow gloves and buttoned them with an extracted hair pin, and tucked her hands into her monkey skin muff and tripped away. He even crossed to his window, inthralled by her softening influence, and watched her flitting out of sight, followed by the admiringly retroverted eyes of five successive men whom she met. It occurred to Mr. Prouty that the practice of turning on the street to gaze backward was an offensive one. He put his papers in order absently, and went down to lunch.

Perhaps it was the unending procession of feet which passed the dining room window—feet imbued with a holiday spirit—that gave Mr. Prouty a highly agreeable idea. He went upstairs and put on his hat and overcoat, with a brisk step and a beaming face. He knew nothing about buying Christmas presents, having had small experience; but it had struck him that it would be a very pleasant thing to buy a present for Polly. It would be—what he surely owed her—a token of his esteem and of his appreciation of her services.

It was 5 o'clock when he got back. He had walked down Broadway looking into windows, in helpless indecision, at velvet bonnets, and satin candy boxes, and photographs of actresses and royal personages, and long gloves, and Japanese bric-a-brac and sheet music. He had been drawn into the crowd surging westward along Fourteenth street, and been borne up Sixth avenue like a straw in the rapids, yelled at by the proprietors of booths on either hand, and gazing confusedly over the sea of surrounding heads at five cent Christmas cards, five cent cornucopias, five cent jumping jacks, five cent green tin alligators, five cent pincushions on clamshells and five cent plush monkeys on strings. He had been carried round the corner and into Twenty-third street, and been squeezed, mussed and fatigued through a shadowy succession of stores in which hundreds of pretty girls had shown him millions of articles; and in which cashboys had rushed and floorwalkers had perspired, and sealskinned shoppers had chattered deafeningly; and in which he had grown more and more hopelessly lost. He had even drifted, dazedly, into a toyshop and looked at rubber dolls and wooden soldiers and tin horses and flannel dogs on wheels. And he had come home wearied, rumpled and empty handed.

He sat down with his chin in his hands, thoughtfully. He reflected that his impulse had been a foolish one and that the abortiveness of his effort was not to be regretted. Undoubtedly he should be able—possibly soon—to indulge the fatherly warmth of his desire in the presentation of a handsome wedding gift. Mr. Prouty informed himself that he was exceedingly happy in the contemplation of this prospect; he smiled broadly and rubbed his hands. He was obliged to keep his mind faithfully upon the smile and the attrition of his hands in order to continue them, but he performed them with mechanical regularity for some time.

At 12 o'clock on Christmas day Mr. Prouty, his fine form clothed in holiday attire and his handsome face flushed with eager anticipation, awaited his three expected guests in his study.

Below, the parlors were thrown open, a long vista of comfortable elegance, with flowers in fancy baskets and leaping grate fires; and the darkened dining room shone with the bright array of silver and the sprinkling of tinted fairy lights and the scintillations of the laden sideboard; and the odor of the little pig patiently roasting in the range mingled with the aroma of the plum pudding steaming above it, and gently floated in.

The bell rang, and Mr. Prouty, pacing his study floor with an irregularity of pleasurable emotion, hurried downward.

Selkirk Prouty was removing his outer garments before the hall mirror. He wore a turndown collar of some width, covered in the rear by his falling locks, and joined in front by a blue silk scarf; and he carried a package. He greeted Mr. Prouty, standing in speechless astonishment, with a gracious smile.

"I altered my arrangements," he explained, with benignity, "and resolved to join you at your Christmas dinner. Ah; rather cozy," he admitted, rubbing his hands before the grate, with an unbending of complacent benevolence. "Miss Rogers has not arrived? I have a slight token to present to her." He unwrapped a volume of his poems and placed it at a conspicuous point on the mantel.

Mr. Prouty opened his lips forcibly, with a gasp, and strove to speak. He assured himself, strenuously, that nothing more gratifying could possibly have occurred. It would be an excellent opportunity for the furtherance of his hopes regarding Polly; possibly the occasion would bring about a happy culmination. He reproached himself for having omitted Selkirk from his primal arrangement.

"I wish to see Miss Rogers privately, by the way," Selkirk continued. "I have a matter to discuss with her which has been for some time upon my mind, and it occurred to me to embrace this opportunity."

"Certainly—certainly," Mr. Prouty murmured. He looked at his nephew hopefully. His well poised dignity, his self centered manliness, had never appeared to greater advantage, surely. If there were a choice between his nephews as regarded their fitness for Polly, Mr. Prouty believed that Selkirk was that choice.

"If some little management proves necessary for my seeing Miss Rogers privately," Selkirk added, spreading his blue scarf, "I may depend on your assistance!"

"Assuredly, assuredly," Mr. Prouty responded, with hurried warmth.

"Ah, thanks!" Selkirk sank into a chair in a languor of self recollection.

The bell pealed; Mr. Prouty hastened into the hall with a beating heart—and stopped in amazement.

It was Bub Todd and a messenger boy carrying a large and very carefully enveloped burden.

"Didn't look for me, eh?" said Bub, removing his pale gloves. "Well, changed my plans and concluded I'd drop in. Just put on another plate, Molly," he remarked to the retreating girl.

"Two, Mary," Mr. Prouty faltered.

Bub glanced into the parlor; frowned at the disclosure of his cousin, and lowered his voice.

"She ain't here yet? Brought her a little present; little thing I've been doing." He removed its wrappings and placed it in an advantageous light against the hat rack. "How's that?" He rubbed his dangling glass with his scented handkerchief and seized Mr. Prouty's lapel. "See here, I want to see her when she comes; want to have a confab about a little matter. Keep the gang off and give me a chance, will you—eh?"

Mr. Prouty hesitated, bewilderedly. Bub's impulsiveness, his offhanded spontaneity struck him with fresh force, and favorably. Perhaps Polly's clinging sweetness—Mr. Prouty was certain that Polly's nature was one of clinging sweetness—would crave more warmth, more demonstrative ardor than Selkirk would be likely to lavish upon her; perhaps—yes, surely—Bub would make her happier.

"Eh?" Bub repeated, sharply.

"Why, yes; to be sure, my boy," said Mr. Prouty, with dazed cordiality, and Bub sauntered into the parlor, yawning.

The bell jingled again, this time with a gentle timidity. Mr. Prouty felt a thrill, half of poignant pleasure and half of painful apprehension, tingle through him. He went forward at an unsteady pace.

Yes—it was Polly. She met Mr. Prouty with a pleasant smile, and a pretty flush, and laid her gloved hand in his, with her blue eyes swiftly raised to him; and covered his agitated silence by chatting brightly of the day and the weather, as she laid aside her jacket, and rolled up her gloves and put them in her muff, and pinned her veil to her hat, and pressed her dextrous hands to the shining blonde aureole above her charming face, and went with her host into the warm, fire lighted, flower scented parlor.

She started back in shy alarm at the sight of the two masculine figures within. Selkirk rose hastily from the chair in which he was half dozing. Bub bounded from the sofa upon which he was unconventionally reclining. They hurried forward simultaneously, and Polly bowed to them each, with a sweetly impartial smile. Bub looked at Selkirk frowningly; Selkirk returned the look with haughty coldness.

"It is a delightfully beautiful day, Miss Rogers," he remarked, drawing a chair near to her.

"It is very pleasant," said Polly.

"The glad Christmas-tide—who does not welcome it?" Selkirk demanded. He looked suggestively and severely at Mr. Prouty, and Mr. Prouty, with a sudden startled remembrance, turned hastily to Bub.

"I—I have some engravings I think you have not seen, Benjamin," he said. "They are in the back parlor."

Bub had slapped down a chair at Polly's vacant side.

"Jolly day, Miss Rogers!" he observed.

"They are from recent French paintings, Benjamin," said Mr. Prouty, anxiously "You will be interested in examining them."

"I'm awfully glad you're on hand, Miss Rogers," said Bub, turning upon Mr. Prouty with an amazed and threatening glare.

"It is a day of bright associations and blessed hopes," Selkirk proceeded.

"I have not shown you my new edition of 'Carlyle,' Selkirk," Mr. Prouty faltered, struck by a wave of confused recollection. "If you will come upstairs for a moment to the library"——

"It is a season of peace and love," said Selkirk with a stern gaze of wrathful consternation at Mr. Prouty.

"You're looking tip-top, Miss Rogers," Bub put in.

"They include some Bonheurs and Meissoniers, Benjamin," said Mr. Prouty, dazedly. "If you will come into the back parlor"——

Bub rose to his limited height with a violent jerk. Mr. Prouty wiped the perspiration from his forehead.

"There is a portrait and biography, Selkirk," he gasped, with Bub's fierce eyes upon him. "Shall we go up to the library?"

"What do you mean by not going, sir?" Bub demanded, eyeing his tall cousin ferociously.

"To whom are you speaking, sir?" Selkirk rejoined, rising with stern dignity.

"Miss Rogers, may I request you to accompany me to the further end of the room? I desire to speak to you privately; without interference."

"Will you go into the hall with me, Miss Rogers?" Bub demanded, glowing with wrath.

Polly, standing with fluttering breath and clasped hands, was timidly, shrinkingly silent.

Bub glared at Selkirk.

"You're a cad, sir!" he remarked, with savage force.

"You're a puppy," Selkirk responded, with equal ire.

Mr. Prouty mopped the anguished beads from his brow and gazed at Polly. Polly's eyes were lifted to his. Her lips were parted tremulously; her color came and went swiftly; her soft eyes looked into his own with timorous fright and sweet appeal and yearning trustfulness—and——

Mr. Prouty stared at her in breathless wonder, in wide eyed bewilderment, in dazed incredulity and delirious joy. A great light burst over him. He felt his face paling and his limbs trembling and his strength forsaking him; but he opened his arms wide. And his little secretary, bursting into a soft shower of tears, tripped into them and threw her own snugly about his neck, and buried her tenderly tearful, smiling face upon his breast.

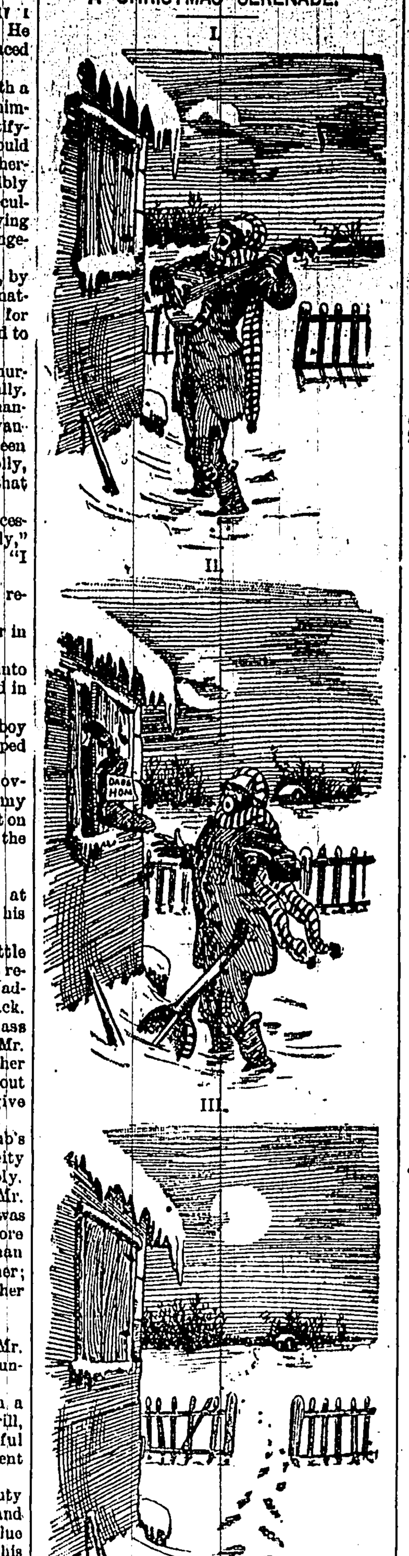
There was a pause of some duration. The rattle of a confectioner's wagon outside and the thud of an ice cream pail on the pavement resounded with a startling distinctness. The roast-pig-and-plum-pudding odor wandered up and mingled with the fragrance of the flowers. The brass dog on the mantel looked down in impassive calm. Bub Todd emitted a long, low pitched whistle, strolled up and down the room for a space, with his hands in his pockets; sauntered into the hall and placed his painting with its face towards the baseboard and sauntered back. Selkirk Prouty cleared his throat, mechanically rearranged a displaced lock, went to the mantel and deposited his volume of poems behind a large vase and sat down reflectively. The bell rang a loud and cheerful peal, and the maid came up to admit the two remaining guests and to announce the readiness of the Christmas dinner.

Mr. Prouty's secretary became Mrs. Prouty six weeks later, and sailed with her late employer on a European wedding tour. The numerous Proutys resident in America have not as yet received a gilt edged copy of their family history for the reason that it has never been completed.—Emma A. Opper in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.

On the morning of May 20, 1863, Garibaldi breakfasted on bread and cheese in the house of Michele Baccoli. As a memento of the occasion this gentleman preserved the crumbs that Garibaldi left. He has now presented them in a sealed bottle to the National Museum of Brescia.

In the Cascade mountains, about seventy-five miles from Jacksonville, Ore., is to be found the Great Sunken lake, the deepest lake in the world. It is said to average 2,000 feet down to the water on all sides. The depth of the water is unknown. It is about fifteen miles long by four and a half wide.

A CHRISTMAS SERENADE.



—Judge.

Christmas Trees.

It may seem surprising, but it is nevertheless true, that the cutting of evergreens for Christmas trees is doing serious damage to the forests in some sections. This wholesale destruction of valuable young trees is becoming painfully apparent in the gradual wiping out of woodland in some of the most picturesque portions of the Catskill and Adirondack mountains, and many of the trout streams are drying up. Even small forests help to serve as reservoirs to water, for under the trees the ground is apt to be less spongy, thereby retaining for a time water from rainfalls, and later on allowing it to escape in tiny rivulets as feeders to brooks, big and small.

Confidence.

Tramp (to little Willie, who has opened the door)—Have yer had yer Christmas dinner yet, little boy?

Little Willie—No; we're just going to eat it now.

Tramp—Then perhaps, if I wait around, I can get some of the eatables left over.

Little Willie (feeling of his stomach)—There ain't going to be anything left.

An Awful Possibility.

Little Emma—Mover, won't we see Tris Tingle agin afore next Tris'mas?

"No, dear."

"Umhe. Mebby he might dit sick and die afore nen an' nen we'd be in a bad fix."—Kentucky State Journal.

Would Catch Up.

Customer (in restaurant)—You may bring me for my Christmas dinner, waiter, a nice cut of turkey, to be followed by a piece of mince pie.

Waiter—Yessir. Will you have cheese also, sir?

Customer—Yes; you can let the cheese follow the pie.

PEN SQUIBS.

The primitive pen was a chisel and the tablet was rock.

Later on a pencil made of camel's hair was used in the far east and also in Egypt.

The date of the quill pen is placed at A. D. 553, though many scholars think it was of later origin.

The Hollanders made the best quill pens, and as much as $10 in value was commonly given for a single quill.

When parchment and papyrus came into use something more flexible was necessary, so pens were made of reeds.

In Persia, Greece and Syria the pen was a stylus made of metal, bone or ivory, with one end sharpened to a point.

At the last census there were sixteen gold pen factories in the United States, and they employed 254 hands, producing $483,061 worth of goods.

The glass pen was simply the old stylus with grooves down the sides to hold the ink, but they were clumsy, untidy and so easily broken that they were practically worthless.

In 1803 a man named Wise made what he called a barrel pen. It was bent or grooved like the pens of the present day, and was the first pen ever made of metal in the shape suggested by the goose quill, all the others having been flat.

In 1820 Joseph Gillott, who had a factory where toys were made, fashioned a steel pen which commanded instant favor, and Mason, Mitchell and Perry soon followed him. These were all Englishmen, and their product soon became popular, though their price was $30 a gross wholesale.—Chicago Herald.

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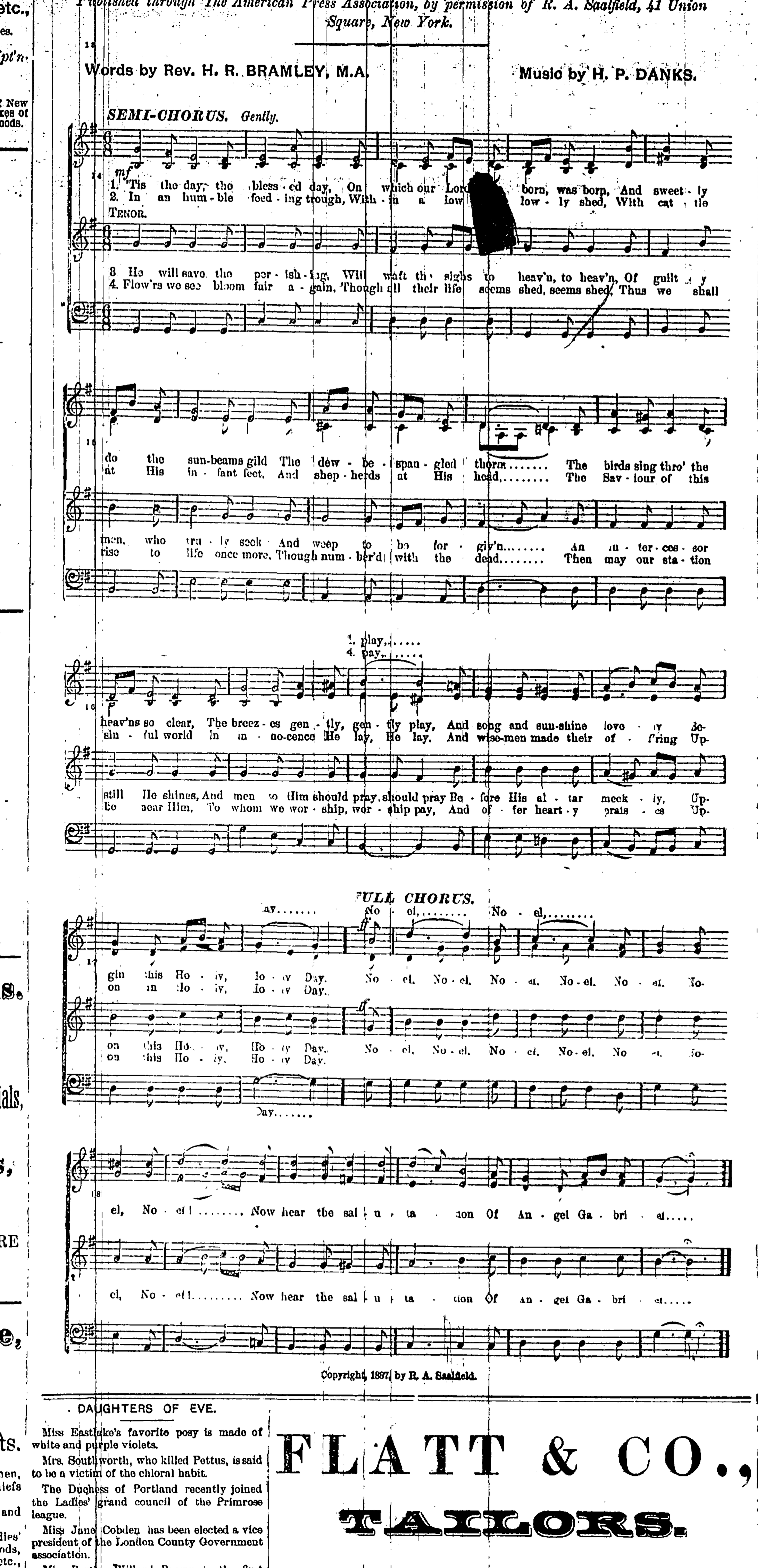

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DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

Miss Eastlake's favorite posy is made of white and purple violets.

Mrs. Southworth, who killed Pettus, is said to be a victim of the chloral habit.

The Duchess of Portland recently joined the Ladies' grand council of the Primrose league.

Miss Jane Cobden has been elected a vice president of the London County Government association.

Miss Bertha Willard Brown is the first woman who has won a state scholarship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mrs. Margaret Custer Calhoun, a sister of the late Gen. Custer, is gaining quite a reputation in New York as a parlor elocutionist.

Two ladies, Mrs. Eliza Chrisman and Mrs. C. A. Rippey, have been placed on the board of trustees for the university soon to be founded at Topeka, Kan.

Miss Kate Drexel, now known as Sister Katharine, has purchased sixty acres of land at Andalusia, near Philadelphia, as the site for a convent she intends to build.

Mrs. Ellen Swallow-Richards, of the class of '70, who is the only woman instructor in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has charge of the water analysis of the state board of health.

George Sand made 1,000,000 francs by her literary labors and gave it all away except 20,000, which she invested in order, as she said, that in case she fell sick her herb tea would not cost her children anything.

Speaker Reed's wife is low of stature, comely and plump of figure, with wavy dark brown hair growing low on her forehead, and ingenuous, laughing eyes. She looks scarcely 35 and has but one child, a daughter of 13.

Miss Marie Corelli only made her success as a writer by means of long and hard efforts against adverse influences. She is a clever musician, and is described as petite, with a great lot of fluffy yellow hair, and a bright, chubby, baby face.

Mrs. Mulligan, who is in charge of the pension agency at Chicago, has paid out over $28,000,000 to pensioners during the four years of her incumbency of the office. She is the widow of Col. James A. Mulligan, one of the gallant soldiers of Illinois.

Mrs. George Pickett is one of the first-class clerks in the pension office at Washington. She was married during the war, when the varying fortunes of the conflict had placed her and her lover on opposite sides of the lines, and the meeting for the ceremony was attended with danger and adventure. Mrs. Pickett was 15 years old then, and now, in her forties, retains much of the beauty which made her a charming bride.

A Terrible Misunderstanding.

A young man on his way home from the theatre was so displeased with a certain actor that he told his girl, who is a trifle hard of hearing, that the certain actor referred to knew about as much about acting as an oyster.

But she misunderstood him altogether.

"Oysters, George?" she said, "isn't it rather late in the season for oysters? But I wouldn't mind a little French cream."—The Epoch.

Taking Him at His Word.

Dentist—It will be over so quickly you will hardly feel it, Tommy, and you'll be at least $10 better off when you can hold that tooth in your hand and look at it.

Tommy (looking at it a few moments later)—I think I'll keep the half dollar papa gave me to pay you, doctor. That tooth's worth $10, but you can have it for pullin' it. Well, I must go.—Chicago Tribune.

Borrowing Without Consent.

A.—What have they sent you to jail for, comrade?

B.—For borrowing five thalers of an old usurer.

A.—Why, I never heard of a man being locked up for borrowing!

B.—Yes, but I had to knock the fellow down before he would lend them.—Alma [illegible].

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DWARF STORIES.

Gen. Joseph Totman, of Maine, is a prosperous merchant; he is 25 years old, and stands 3 feet 4 inches in height.

Eliza Nestel, called the "Fairy Queen," is of the exact height of her brother, Commodore Foote. She is 32 years old.

The smallest of men dwarfs is F. Flynn, of Greene, N. Y., better known as Gen. Mite. He stands a little over 2 feet in height.

Richard Gibson, miniature painter and court dwarf to Charles I, lived to be 75, and his dwarf wife, Annie Shepherd, to be 85.

The Murray triplets—John, Joseph and James—were celebrated lilliputian attractions. They were born in New York in 1863.

Maj. Stephens, an American dwarf, first appeared before the public over forty years ago. He died at the advanced age of 60 years.

Admiral Dot, the clever little singer and dancer, is the handsomest of all dwarfs. He is a Hebrew and was discovered by Barnum in California.

The Italian midgets—Jean Petit and Picalomi—are brothers. They first appeared in America in 1869, and made some reputation and money as clever performers.

Two of the prettiest and most exquisite little ladies who have ever been exhibited are the Adams sisters, Lucy and Sadie. Their home is Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Thomas Bonham and his two sisters are liliputians of fine education and reside in Pennsylvania. They decline to go upon exhibition, scorning to be ranked as freaks.

Mr. Nestel, publicly known as Commodore Foote, was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., 42 years ago. His weight is about 50 pounds and he is about the size of a child 4 years old.

Gen. Tom Thumb's widow was married to Count Primo Mogri, an Italian midget, in New York city, April 6, 1885. The second husband has a dwarf brother known as Baron Littlefinger.

Count Bowowlaski was known as one of the wonders of the world for his smallness of stature, combined with high intellect. He was born in 1739 and was 35 inches high when he died, in 1837, at the age of 98.

Luzio Zarate, a Mexican, is the smallest dwarf now before the public. She is exhibited by her father, a man of more than ordinary development. She is 21 years old, weighs 9¾ pounds, and stands about 24 inches in height.

Sir Geoffrey Hudson, dwarf and diplomatist to Charles II., expired at 63, and the little gentleman's life was shortened by his incarceration on suspicion of connivance in a treasonable plot in the Gate House at Westminster, where he died.

The most famous modern dwarfs were Charles S. Stratton, better known as Gen. Tom Thumb, who was born in 1837, and died July 15, 1883; Lavina Warren, who married Stratton; her sister, Minnie Warren, who was the wife of Maj. E. Newell, and George Washington Morrison Nutt, of Manchester, N. H., better known as Commodore Nutt, who was born April 1, 1845, and died in New York city May 25, 1881.

The Walters dwarf family are residents of Virginia. Maj. Hiram Walters was born April 26, 1810, and was 3 feet 6 inches tall. Capt. William Walters was born on April 18, 1824, and was 3 feet 7 inches in height. Miss Roxana Walters was born Dec. 25, 1815, and was a trifle over 3 feet in height. Miss Kate Walters was born July 20, 1818, and is about the height of Roxana.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

NEW YORK PASTORS' INCOMES.

The bishop of New York receives $5,000.

The bishop of the diocese of New York is paid $15,000.

Dr. Rainsford, of St. George's, receives $10,000 a year.

Dr. John Hall, of the Fifth avenue church, draws a salary of $20,000.

American bishops of Africa and India are paid $4,000 and $3,500 respectively.

The Rev. Robert Collyer, of the Park avenue Unitarian church, receives $10,000.

Dr. Paxton is said to receive $10,000, Dr. Parkhurst $8,000, and Dr. C. C. Thompson $8,000.

T. De Witt Talmage, whose influence is as great in New York as it is in Brooklyn, is paid $12,000.

The last rector of St. Thomas' was paid $18,000. Dr. Brown, who fills the pulpit at present, gets $15,000.

Dr. Morgan Dix, rector of Old Trinity, exercises a general supervision over the parish chapels, and gets a salary of $15,000 per annum.

Dr. Greer, rector of St. Bartholomew's church, is paid $15,000 a year. He possesses private means and returns his entire salary to his church.

Dr. Huntington, of Grace church, gets a salary of $15,000 per annum, and he occupies a beautiful parsonage, rent free, next to his church, which is architecturally one of the handsomest residences in the city, and is certainly worth an extra $5,000 a year to the pastor.—John P. Ritter in the Epoch.

USEFUL HINTS FOR THE EYES.

Secure good ventilation.

Frequently rest by looking up.

Have abundant light, but not dazzling.

Distance of book from the eye, about fifteen inches.

Posture erect; never read lying down or stooping.

Great caution about study after recovery from fevers.

The book held at right angles to the line of sight, or nearly so.

Sun not shining on desk or on objects in front of the student.

Clothing at the neck loose; the same as regards the rest of the body.

A comfortable temperature, and especially let the feet be warm and dry.

Light coming from the left hand, or left and rear; under some circumstances, from in front.

Little study before breakfast or directly after a hearty meal; none at all at twilight or late at night.—Dr. Lincoln in The Annals of Hygiene.

FORM FOR MEN.

It is not good form to continually dine on the head of your cane.

It is not good form to make the opera an opportunity for conversation.

It is bad form to touch instead of to remove your hat when a lady speaks to you on the street.

It is not good form to smoke your cigar or cigarette up to a lady's door, and enter redolent of its fumes.

It is not good form to step on the feet of six ladies when going out with your paint brush at the theatre.

It is the worst form imaginable to ask a young lady whether she is going to an entertainment unless you intend offering yourself as escort.—Memphis Sunday Times.

WHO IS THE POPULAR WOMAN?

She is the one whose gowns attract no notice unless by their absolute suitability.

She is the one who always makes you feel at ease with yourself and the rest of the world.

She is the one who can be friendly without being familiar, and who can repel without snubbing.

She is the one whose manners are always perfect, and who does not offend you by being gushing or freezing.

She is the one who knows how to be most dignified at dinner table, and yet who can enjoy a lark at supper time.

The woman of the world is one who considers what you like, and attempts, for her own comfort as well as yours, to give it to you.

She is the one who refrains from saying malicious things, not only because it will ruin the shape of her mouth, but because they are in as bad taste as swearing.

She is the one with whom it is a delight to associate, and who, after all, may be governed not only by her own desire to make life smoother, but by greater and higher beliefs than are credited to her.—Bab in Lawrence American.

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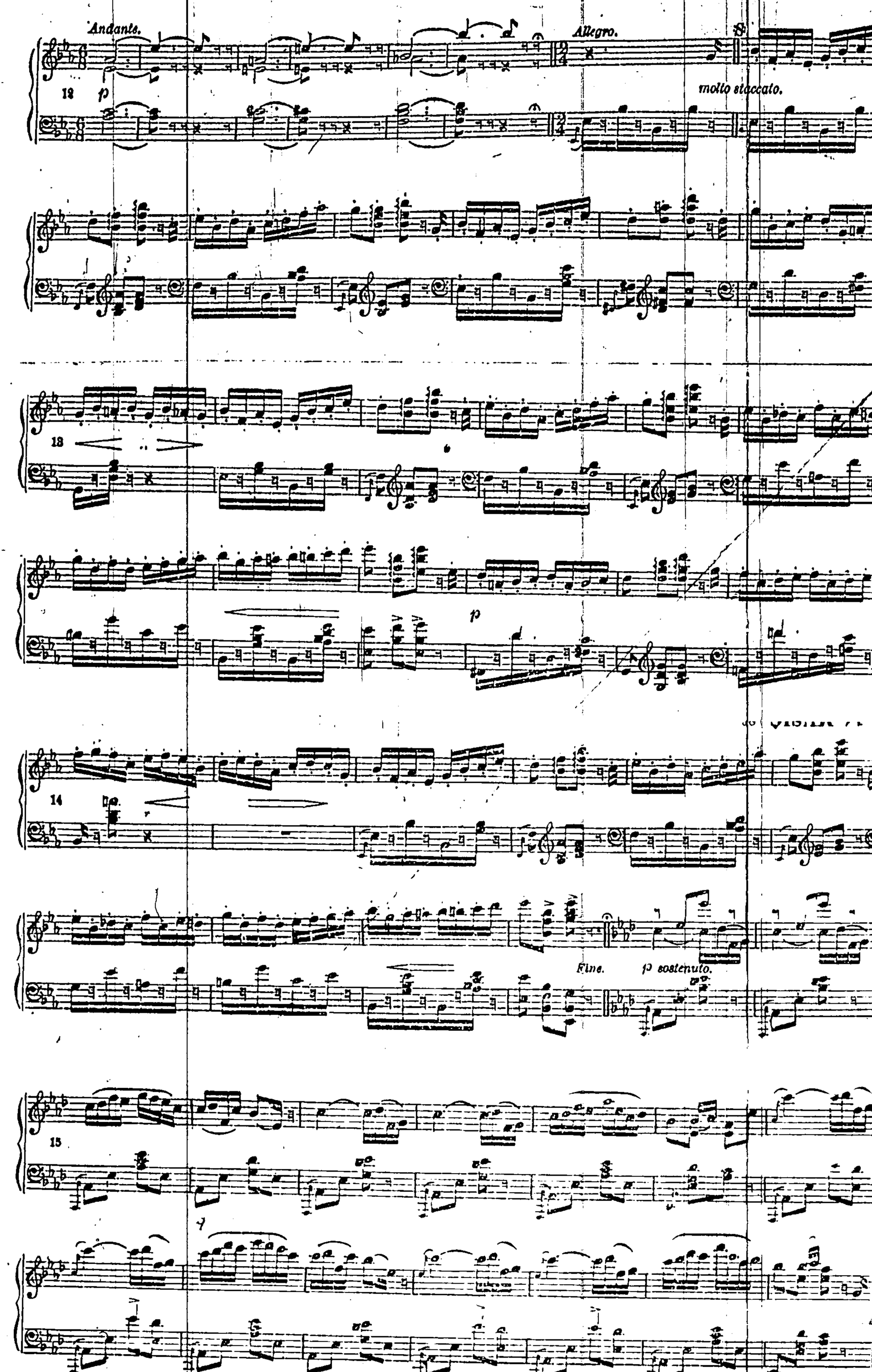

EXTRAORDINARY -:- ANNOUNCEMENT!

RETIRING SALE

Important to Every Man, Woman and Child Who Wears Shoes.

Owing to the failing health of our Mr. L. Josephs, we are about to close our establishment at 57 Market street, corner of Plane, where he has always been personally located.

We have inaugurated the most important Slaughter Sale of Shoes ever known in Newark, and will place at a sacrifice one of the most complete stocks of footwear ever collected.

This move has been in contemplation for some time with us, but the disposition of a well-established business is a matter of importance.

A GREAT SALE.

The entire stock of this large establishment will be closed out; prices will [illegible] original cost of many articles.

Our stock consists of foot coverings of every description.

A BONA FIDE OFFER.

We want to be distinctly understood when we say that this sale does not [illegible] flavor of the Humbugging Bankrupt and Assignee Sales that are so plenty nowadays.

This is a bona fide offer to all customers, made in the good faith with which we have always acted, and the goods in the store at Plane and Market will be sold at less than [illegible] the stock.

We were a long time in making up our minds about selling this place, but that [illegible] upon, we want to close up the establishment as quickly as your patronage [illegible] expect to sell every pair in the place.

Our goods have been before the people of Newark and vicinity for years, [illegible] No. 57 Market will be closed solely for the reason stated above.

We never handled or countenanced the presence in any of our stores [illegible] have not a pair of such shoes to humbug the people with. Our goods are [illegible] and everything is guaranteed.

This is an opportunity seldom offered, and one that should and doubtless will [illegible] age of by our customers.

We would advise you to come early and avoid the rush at night.

With this unusual offer we also announce that all our fixtures in the store are [illegible] and the store is to rent. Don't forget that we are talking of our establishment [illegible] Plane streets only.

JOSEPHS BROTHERS,

POPULAR SHOE DEALERS.

STORES: 167 Market St., Near Broad. 465-467 Broad St., Cor. [illegible]. 57 Market St., Cor. Plane St.

NEWARK, N. J.

Holiday Announcement! Holiday Announcement!

THE LARGEST FANCY GOODS HOUSE IN NEW JERSEY.

THE · NEWARK · BEE · HIVE!

Ready for Christmas Business. The Grandest Assortment Ever Offered. An Array that Cannot be Equalled in Variety or Lowness of Price. This will Tell the Story Better than a Whole Dictionary of Words. SEE OUR LINE! NOTE OUR QUOTATIONS!

Fine Boxed Papeteries.

Three thousand Plush Papeterie Boxes, manufactured under our own supervision.

Three Extra Specials.

500 Plush Boxes, containing 1 quire of good quality paper and envelopes, at 35c. Actual worth 50c.
500 Plush Boxes, containing 2 quires of fine quality paper and envelopes, at only 75c. Actual worth $1.
500 Plush Boxes, cabinet sizes, containing 2½ quires of super quality paper, envelopes and visiting cards, at 98c. Actual worth $1 50.
A grand display of finer Boxes at $1.25, $1.39, $1.69, $1 98. and up to $4 98.
Plain Boxes, containing 1 and 2 quires paper and envelopes, at from 5c to 25c and up.
☞ ALL DESK NEEDS.

Writing Lap Tablets.

75 styles, making a grand line for selection. Real and imitation Alligator, Seal, Snake, Lizard, and other fine grade leathers. 48c, 75c, 98c, $1.48, $1.98. Five great values we pride ourselves on. Handsome exhibit up in price to $4.89.

Extracts & Perfumes.

AS COMPLETE A LINE AS CAN BE GATHERED—NOVELTY HOLDERS—FINE BOTTLES—RICH COLORS.

One hundred gross of low price novelties in Glass, China and Bisque ware at 5c, 8c, 12c, 19c.
Fine Cut Bottles, containing from 4 to 16 ounces fine triple extracts, from 58c to $2.98.

Our Bargain Prides.

350 fine Cut Glass Bottles, containing 6 ounces of fine triple extracts, at 98c. Worth $1.50.
500 fancy Cut Glass Pitchers, holding 8 ounces of fine triple extracts, at $2.00.
300 large fancy Glass Bottles, containing 12 ounces of fine triple extracts, at $1.49. Worth $2.50.

Lace Toilet Sets.

Consisting of Bureau Scarfs, mats for cushion and two mats for bottles, in plain and fancy ribbon drawn, from $1.25 per set up to $5.48.

Sachet Toilet Sets.

Consisting of Cushion and two Bottles, Satin-covered, hand-painted and Embroidered Bolting Cloth, Glassine, Celluloid and silk Crochet covered. The above lines in all the new shades, from $2.69 to $12.98 per set.
Hand-painted Scent Bag, from 39c up.
Mouchoir and Glove Sachet Bags, in all the latest shades, hand-painted on Satin, Bolting Cloth, Glassine and Celluloid, with hand-painted Lace borders, from 75c to $3.98.
Latest Novelties in hand-painted pin and Hairpin Baskets, Jewel Cases, etc., from 48 to $1.98.
Saddle Bag Chair Cushions, covered with figured India Silk and delicately scented, at 48c pair.
At 98c—Fancy shape, hand-painted and scented.

At $1.75—Satin-covered hand-painted, with Silk Tassels on ends; very fine.
At $2.69—Fine Silk Bolting Cloth covered, hand-painted, Silk Tassel ends. Choice designs.

Hand-Painted Plaques

At 98c, $1 48 $1.98 and $2.69, Worth one-third more.
250 Hand-Painted, Gilded and Bronzed Jugs, with ribbon bows. A handsome ornament; pretty gift. Would be cheap at $1 each. We offer at only 69c.

Chair Scarfs.

Immense line of fine India and Surah Silk Scarfs, with bolting cloth ends, in hand-painted, embroidered and crochet ring ends. from 89c. to $4.98.

Another Special.

Fine Figured India Silk Scarfs, 1½ yards long, fringed ends, at only 75c each; worth $1.25.

Gold & Silv'r Thimbles

OUR PRICES GUARANTEED 25 PER CENT. BELOW QUOTATIONS MADE ANYWHERE.

Pocket Knives.

At 23c—1, 2 and three blade, with pearl, bone and horn handles.
At 48c—1, 2, 3 and 4 blade, with pearl, bone and horn handles.
Finer Quality of Steel Blade Pocket Knives at 73c, 97c and $1 89.

Pleasure Things for the Children.

Toy Trunks, from 39c to $1.98.
Doll Baby Carriages, 25c to $4.98
Doll Beds, folding steel wire, with mattress and pillows, 75c and 98c.
Doll Hammocks at 9c.
Dolls' Rock-a-By Cradles, at $1.10 and $1.33.

Gents' and Boys' Fancy Slippers.

It is a positive fact that we have this year the largest, lowest-priced and best selected assortment of Fancy Slippers for Men and boys that can be exhibited.
Gents' finest Imported Seal Slippers, opera style, hand-sewed and chamois-lined, at $2 48. Worth $3.50.
Gents' Maroon Goat and Velvet Embroidered Slippers, Opera and Everette styles, hand-sewed and of the best manufacture, at $1 98. Worth $2.50.
Gents' fine Ooze Calf Opera Slippers, trimmed with plain calfskin, hand sewed and chamois lined throughout, at $1.37. Worth $2.
Gents' Velvet Embroidered Opera and Everette Slippers, hand sewed, patent leather trim'd, fine Chenille embroidery, at 98c. Worth $1.50.
Boys' finest Velvet Emb. Opera and Everette Slippers, hand sewed, at $1.23. Worth $1.50.
Youths' Velvet Embroidered Opera and Everette Slippers, hand made, sizes 11 to 13½ at 98c. Worth $1.25.

Gents' Smoking Jackets

Our assortment this year we will make popular by its completeness. The following are among the most desirable styles:
Extra quality Jersey Cloth Smoking Jackets, in navy, garnet and brown shades, with satin binding. Price $4 89
Fine Tricot Cloth Smoking Jackets, in tan, navy, garnet, brown and mode shades, quilted Farmer's satin lining, satin bound. Price $7.48.
An extra Tricot Cloth Smoking Jacket, in a variety of colors, with quilted satin facings; also Cuffs and Collar of quilted satin. A very dressy house coat. Price. $10.98.
"Our Best" extra fine Tricot Cloth Smoking Jackets, lined throughout with quilted satin, cuffs and collar of quilted satin, and made up in the very best manner. Price $14.98.

Gent's Box H'd'fks.

Gent's all linen Initial Handkerchief, ½ doz. in fancy boxes, at $1.45.
Gent's all linen, very fine quality Initials, hemstitched, ½ doz. in fancy box, at $2.50.
Gent's all linen hemstitched White Handkerchiefs, ½ doz. in fancy boxes at 75c, 89c, 98c, $1.25.
Gent's all linen white Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, ½ doz. in fancy boxes, at $1.48, $1.62, $1 98, $2.50.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs!

Ladies' White All-Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, half dozen in a box, fine quality, 75c, 98c, $1.25, $1 85 to $3 25.
Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, half dozen in a box, Union Linen, at 93c a box.
Ladies' Initial Finer All-Linen Hemstitched, half dozen in a box, $2.00 a box.
Ladies' Pongee Fancy Colored Border Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 29c.
Ladies' Brocaded all silk Handkerchiefs, larger size, in colored and fancy combination, at 39c.
Ladies' still finer and handsomer Brocaded Silk Handkerchiefs, in all the latest colors and combinations, at 75c and 98c.
Ladies' fine colored Hand Emb., French designs from Paris Exposition, at $1.48, $1.75, $2.25 each.
Children's Colored bordered fancy box Handkerchiefs, ½ dozen in a fancy box, at 25c, 35c, 40c to 89 a box.
Ladies' all white plain linen Hemstitched, from 10c to 38c.
Ladies' colored bordered Hemstitched, from 4½c to 25c.

Gentlemen's Departm't

A TREMENDOUS ARRAY OF GOOD WEAR THINGS
THE GOOD-FITTING BEE HIVE DRESS SHIRTS—48c, 65c, 87c Special half-dozen discount.
THE WELL-KNOWN BEE HIVE COLLARS. 10c per half-dozen. 70c per half dozen, 95c per half-dozen.
Plain Linen, Satin Stripe and Embroidered, Full Dress styles.
THE POPULAR BEE HIVE CUFF at 11c, 20c, 25c and 40c pair.

Mufflers.

Gents' colored Cashmere Mufflers, fine quality, at 35c.
Gents' colored Cashmere, still finer quality Mufflers, at 48c.
Gents' white and cream brocaded all silk Mufflers at 75c and 98c.
Gents' white and cream brocaded all silk Mufflers in figures, stripes and blocks, at $1.25, $1.48 to $3.75.

Bee Hive Good Value Suspenders

In Boxes, with appropriate motto card, at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 98c to $3 pair.
BOYS' SILK WINDSOR SCARFS at 20c, 24c, 34c, 44c and up. An extensive line. All the pretty styles.

Bee Hive Elegant Neckwear

At 21c, 43c, 63c, 89c and up.

Gold Canes.

RELIABLE QUALITIES ONLY.
$2 98, $3.98, $4.98, $5.98, $6 98, $7 98, $8.98, $9.98, $10.98 and up.
Special attention is called to our $4.98 GOLD CANES A SPECIAL LEADER. Worth $6 50 anywhere.

Silk Umbrellas.

ALPACA, MOHAIR, GINGHAMS, And every other kind. HERE'S WHERE BARGAINS ARE PILED UPON BARGAINS.

SILK UMBRELLAS.

At $1.25—500 fast dye Gloria Silk Umbrellas, with good rolled plate and handsome silverine hooks, paragon frames, handsome mounts. A quality we guarantee for color and good wear.
At $1.50—500 26-inch fast dye Gloria Silk Umbrellas, with a very handsome line of fine gold caps and an elegant line of new pattern silverine hooks.
At $1.95—500 26-inch fine Silk Mixed Goods, paragon frames, elegant gold hook handles. A grand $2.50 worth.
At $2.98—A wonderfully handsome display of the newest novelties in gold and silver handles, mounted on the strongest wearing silk in the world. Every one guaranteed for 1 year—stick, frame and silk.
At $3 98, At $4.98, At $5.98, At $6.98, At $7 98, At $8.98, And up to $12 98.
Beautiful lines in 26-inch Ladies' size Umbrellas, from Amasa, Lyon & Co., Folmer, Clogg & Co., Wright Bros. & Co, and other makers of fine Umbrellas.

Juvenile Books

Primers, Annuals, Poems, Fairy Tales, etc., Large print, with many illustrations, from 8c to 98c.

Children's Table Sets.

At 25c, 48c, 73c, 98c and up, in fancy paper and plush satin lined boxes.

H'd'k'f & Glove Boxes

At 50c—Japanese and Fancy Leatherette, satin-lined boxes, both for Glove and Handkerchief.
At 59c—Fine Silk Plush Handkerchief and Glove, satin lined.
At 79c—Fancy top Plush Glove and Handkerchief, on platform base.

At 98c—Finer Silk Plush Box, with extra satin lining, nickel handle top. Worth $1.25.
At $1.18—Elegant style of round corner Glove and Handkerchief, fancy top, fine fancy lined satin. Equal to anything at $1.50.
At $1.68—Combination Handkerchief, Glove and Odor Case, with two fancy glass bottles and white, bone glove stretcher. A decided bargain and worth $2.
In finer styles our assortment is unsurpassed.

Children's Umbrellas!

OUR GREAT LEADERS
At 50c—Fast dye Satine, 24-inch, handy hook handles. Worth 65c.
At 75c—Fast color Satine, finer quality with finer sticks.
At 95c—Big value in fine all-wool Mohair, 25-inch size, fast color. The most servicable Umbrella in the world.
At $1.23—Elegant line of Gold and Silver mount Mohair Umbrellas, paragon frames, fast color, finish of the very best.
Not only do we show the largest and finest line of Umbrellas that can be gathered together, but we have marked our prices so low that the decided saving which can be made is readily seen by all people who know good Umbrella value.

Jewel Cases.

At 42c—Silk Plush Watch Case, satin lined.
At 59c—Oblong shape Silk Plush Case, three compartments.
At 75c—Fancy Leather Jewel Case, handle top, satin lined, with four compartments set in tray. Worth $1.
At 98c—Elegant Silk Plush Square Jewel, all satin lined, set in trays with four compartments.
At 1.85—Extra large Jewel Box, fine satin lining, set in tray, four compartments, best plush, lock and key.
And at $1.50, $1.93, $2.48 and up, everything that is new, novel and good money value.

Work Boxes.

A GRAND ASSORTMENT.
At 19c—Fancy Decorated Work Box for Children.
At 75c—Fine Imported Embossed Genuine Leather Work, handle cover, satin lined, 6-pc fitting. As a leader, 75c. Regular price $1.
At 83c—Child's size Work Box, fine silk plush, satin lined, 4-pc fitting.
At 80c—Ladies' Work Box, silk plush, satin lining, white fitting. Good value it 75c.
At 98c—Fancy Top Cover, mirrow back, fancy style Box, silk plush, satin lined, white fitting.
At $1 95—Large Octagon Shape work Box, with large French plate mirror, superfine white handled steel fittings.
At $2 93, $3.48, $4.93, $5.87, elegant fancy shapes, with oxidized, celluloid, bronze and other decorated styles of Boxes.

Collar and Cuff Boxes.

BIG THINGS HERE.
At 50c—Separate Collar and Cuff Boxes, best silk plush, satin-lined, ring top covers. Real value 75c. Also Ladies' Combination Collar and Cuff Boxes, silk plush, satin-lined, ring handle, at 50c. Worth 98c.
At 95c—Silk Plush, Octagon shape, combination Collar and Cuff, satin-lined. Worth $1.25.
At $1 35—Extra fine Silk Plush Collar and Cuff, square shape, elegant quality lining, fancy handle top. Worth $1.75.
At $1.68—A grand bargain in a large round C. & C. box, fancy shell top, unique style—Worth $2.00.
Other styles at $2.48, $2.98 and $3.48 a set.
Full line of Hand-sewed Leather Collar and Cuff Boxes at an unusually low range of prices.

Framed Pictures.

From 25c to $4 98 and up, in every finish now in vogue.

Manicure Cases.

Unapproachable Bargains
At 59c—Plush Silk Manicure Set, satin-lined, with 7-piece white fitting—worth $1.
At 95c—Oxidized Manicure Tray, with oxidized knife, polisher, nail brush, powder box.
At $1.44—Fine Plush Manicure Box, with 6-piece oxidized metal fitting.
At $1.68—Large Size Manicure, fine silk plush, raised cover, handsome celluloid fancy decorations, 7-piece superior quality white handle steel fittings.
At $2.48—Combination 8-piece Manicure Case, with pull-out drawer containing glove hook, glove stretcher and shoe horn.
At $2.93—Large Square-shape Plush Manicure, 9-piece handsome oxidized fitting, 2 powder boxes polisher, shoe hook, nail file, tweezer, knife, scissors and stiletto.
Other styles at $3 98, $4 89, $5.98 and up; forming the most select line of staple and novelty styles that can be found on sale.

ALSO

Shaving Cases.

At $1.49—Fancy shape Box, satin lined, with lather cup, brush and good razor.
At $2.49—Square Shaving, with handsome plate stand shaving mirror compartment cup, steel razor, nickel-plated lather brush.
At $3.48—Silk Plush Shaving, fancy oxidized, decorated top, with hanging mirror, compartment cup, lather and toothbrush, scissors, dressing and moustache comb, and Wade & Butcher's fine steel razor. Equal to any $4 50 box offered.
An immense assortment at $4 39, $4 98, $5.69, $6.88 and up.

Photo Albums.

A SUPERB LINE.
At 79c—Silk Plush, French plate set in diamond mirror, holds 20 cabinet and 16 card photos, extension clasps. Regular value $1. Special value 79c.
At 98c—Extra good Plush Album, 30 cabinet and 16 card places, fine nickel plate word, extension clasp.
At $1.50—Best Silk Watered Plush Albums, 132 cabinet and 16 card holders. Same in best Silk Plush, plain. A $2 quality everywhere.
At $1.98—Fine Embossed "Longfellow" Photo Album, nickel word "Album" front, heavy board, tint leaves.
Others in Leather and Plush at $3.98, $4.47, $4.98, $5.98 and up. A GRAND LINE. NEWEST STYLES.
We show beautiful styles of Albums on stand easels at $3.93, $4.93, $5.93 to $9.88, with drawer base combination, photo cover handpainted, back rest and unique decorated fronts.

Children's Tea Sets.

At 19c, 33c, 48c and 93c—Each and every one under regular worth

Dressing Cases.

TELLING PRICES. BIG ASSORTMENTS HANDSOME STYLES.
At 93c—Fine Satin-lined Plush Box, with celluloid comb, white ivoroyed French plate mirror and fine bristle brush—worth $1.50.
At $1.89—Fancy top large square Dressing Case, with large fitting of French plate mirror, fancy lined, square brush and celluloid comb, box satin-lined—worth $2.75.
At $1 93—Fine Embossed Leather Toilet Case, satin lined, three-piece fancy white fitting—worth $3.
At $2.49—Revolving Drawer Manicure and Toilet Set. 9 pieces white fitting—pl. brush comb, mirror, polisher, &c.—Worth $3.50.
At $2.93—Extra large Case, raised top, Manicure and Toilet combined, containing polisher, scissors, powder box, fine tooth brush, hair brush, shoe hook, plate mirror and comb. Undoubtedly the equal of any $4 00 box.
At $3. 93, $4 98, $5.98, $6.98, $7.98, $8.98, $9.98, up to $15.98—A line which we can truthfully say has no peer for the variety or for good value anywhere in the land.

Bisque Statuary and Glassware.

PRICES NEVER SO LOW.; ASSORTMENT NEVER SO BIG.

Scrap Books.

Special Leaders at 10c, 15, 19, 25c.
Heavy Board Covers, handsomely finished gold decorated covers, at 39c, 48c, 50c, 75c and 98c.

Autograph Books.

IMMENSE LINE.
In Plush, at 10c, 15, 20c, 25c to 98c and up.
In Leatherette and Leather, at 5c, 8c, 10c, 12c to 19c. 25c and up.

Christmas Cards.

BOOKLETS.
5,000 at special price of 3½c.
5,000 at special price of 5c.
5,000 at special price of 8c.
5,000 at special price of 10c.
Novelties at 15c, 25c, 48c, 98c and up.
Plain Christmas Cards at from 1c to 25c.
Novelties at from 5c to $2.98.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT.

—TO—

Churches and Sunday Schools

—ON—

Christmas Dolls and Cards!

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAM'TS

CHRISTMAS CANDLES.

Candy -:- Boxes,

AND

DECEPTION BOXES.

Dolls.

Want of space does not allow us to go into detail of our enormous assortment. We can only say that if there are any Dolls to be sold we have placed ours at prices that can not fail to attract those who want to make an actual saving when purchasing.

WHAT WE QUOTE HERE
Are simply wonders of good value, and if a saving of 25 per cent., or more can not be made at our quotations, we will refund the purchase price upon request.
At 10c—Wax Sailor Boy Doll, with cap, 10½ inches high—worth 15c.
At 12c—Composition Head Doll, fancy trimmed dress, 18 inches high—worth 19c.
At 13½c—Fine Bisque Movable Head Jointed Dolls, glass eyes, 10 inches high—worth 19c.
At 12½—10-inch high All-Kid Body Doll, bisque head—worth 19c.
At 19c—Boy and [illegible] Sailor [illegible] bisque head, glass eyes, trimmed garments—worth 25c.
At 22c—Bisque Head Doll [illegible] Doll Carriage. [illegible] worth 35c.
At 25c—Composition Head [illegible] and wool dressed—worth 35c.
At 2[illegible]c—Fine Baby [illegible] garment, shoes and stockings, [illegible] worth 35c.
At 22c—Indestructible [illegible] Dolls. Boys and Girls, fancy garments.
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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The late Martin Farquhar Tupper defeated Mr. Gladstone in a theological essay contest.

George W. Childs has been chosen president of the Pennsylvania Horticultural society.

The Chinese Minister at Washington is fond of walking, and goes about town afoot a great deal.

Cardinal Haynold, of Hungary, the famous botanist, has suddenly lost the faculty of reading and writing.

D'Albert, the celebrated pianist, was born in Scotland, bred in England, and received his musical education in Germany.

Capt. W. W. Wetmore, keeper of the Plum Island lighthouse, is probably the oldest lighthouse keeper in the United States.

The exceptional honor of the crown and brilliants pour le merite has been conferred upon Count von Moltke by the emperor.

The pope has expressed to the cardinals at the Vatican his desire for burial under the [illegible] St. John Lateran, in the part restored by himself.

Sir Henry Isaacs, the new Lord Mayor of [illegible] the third Hebrew who has filled that office since the date of its institution, [illegible]

Stephen Pettus, the Brooklyn financier recently [illegible] by Mrs. Southworth, left an estate valued at $600,000. In his will, drawn in 18[illegible], his property all goes to his wife.

Capt. S[illegible], who represents the Italian navy at the maritime conference, in Washington, owns the most complete collection of nautical works in the world. There are [illegible] volumes in it.

Dr. Edward Olsen, president of the university of Dakota, who perished in The Minneapolis [illegible] fire, was a native of Sweden and [illegible] years of age. He removed to America with his parents in 1853, and was a graduate of the university of Chicago.

The late Robert Marnock was one of the greatest of landscape gardeners of his time in England. He lived to be 90 years [illegible] the Botanic gardens in [illegible], London, and won a great reputation on the continent by his work for [illegible] at San Donato, near Florence.

[illegible] the French president, has a [illegible] complexion, an exaggerated [illegible] fitting black beard. His [illegible], yet he is fond of toying [illegible] cigarette while dictating his [illegible]. He is musical, and [illegible] the drama. He has no [illegible] hands, but he owns a pet [illegible] a professed gourmet.

ART GLASS AND BRIC-A-BRAC.

[illegible] formed of pond lily leaves in [illegible]

[illegible] saucers are intended for [illegible]

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[illegible] glass dishes are shallow, with [illegible] edge.

[illegible] referred to brass by the [illegible]. The most delicate leaves [illegible] iron.

[illegible] are a triumph of [illegible] iridescence is obtained [illegible] to the molten glass.

[illegible] craze has brought about [illegible] novelties in white faience, [illegible] and mounted in gilt.

[illegible] has been revived in the [illegible] being conspicuous in mirror [illegible] pieces, and even in [illegible]

[illegible] glass are used for flowers. [illegible] advantage of showing the [illegible] which is a pretty sight [illegible]

[illegible] cologne bottle with a [illegible] inches in circumference. [illegible] faceted and almost as carefully [illegible]. At night its prisms [illegible]. A fortunate man has [illegible]

[illegible] Dresden china are the prettiest imaginable. Shepherds are [illegible] the base to short skirted [illegible]. Above them spread the flower [illegible] pink and blue shades of [illegible] violets encompass the colored [illegible]

[illegible] and gold vase lamp has a [illegible] enameled with deep [illegible] garlanded with [illegible] pink and white clover. [illegible] of color are secured [illegible] of silk, lace and [illegible]

[illegible] upholstered. Conceive a [illegible] vase on a low ebony [illegible] wrought iron climbs [illegible]. Above this are the hand- [illegible]. Over all is suspended [illegible] of yellow silk fringed [illegible] Japanese chrysanthemums.—[illegible] Circular.

NATIONAL FLORAL EMBLEMS.

The [illegible] is the emblem of happy France.

[illegible] the national emblem of [illegible]

[illegible] is emblematic of the Emerald Isle.

[illegible] sugar maple is Canada's floral [illegible]

[illegible] linden is Prussia's national [illegible]

[illegible] is emblematic of Saxony's [illegible]

[illegible] national flower is the [illegible]

[illegible] lotus of the Nile is Egypt's national [illegible]

[illegible] the pomegranate is Spain's national [illegible]

[illegible] for a national emblem [illegible]

[illegible] national emblem in the [illegible] clover.

[illegible] in olden times by Welshmen [illegible] national emblem.

[illegible] is well chosen as emblem [illegible] nationality.—St. Louis Republic.

GASTRONOMICAL TID-BITS.

[illegible] all kinds are one of the gastronomic features of the Paris show.

[illegible] donkey in the heels nor a restaurant chicken salad in the ingredients.

[illegible] instead of fish at dinner parties is a new wrinkle traced to Philadelphia.

He who does not eat the woodcock's head can in no way be numbered among the epicures.

In a plate of griddle cakes the cake on top and the one next to the plate are the ones best to avoid for good and sufficient reasons.

Since the Shah's visit to Paris several of the fashionable restaurants of that city have introduced alleged Persian dishes on the bill of fare.—Yenowine's News.

RACE TRACK SUPERSTITIONS.

Of all [illegible] that which is known at the track as the bigger tip is the best.

The man who having bet detects himself singing [illegible] a race is doomed to lose. His only safeguard is hedging.

Money carried for three days in a man's shoe or a woman's stocking is invested with absolute confidence in its winning powers.

Some men never back a horse except at odds of 6 to 5 or 9 to 5. They assert that they always win at those prices and lose at others.

Few betting men have the courage to wager their money after having seen a cross-eyed person. Such an occurrence is a hoodoo of the worst sort.

The appearance of a gray horse never fails to cause anxious search for the red haired girl. The combination will always be regarded as invincible.

When an accident occurs at the starting post, and a jockey finds it necessary to dismount, there is a great scramble among the superstitious to bet on his horse.

Many persons have an odd fancy for backing horses according to certain numbers on the programme, but the reasoning and deductions of no two men are the same.

Sticking a pin through the programme from back to front is a popular method of picking winners, and it is about as good a way as any in these degenerate times.

Personal contact with a hunchback brings good luck. Women have been seen to leave their seats in the grand stand and rush down to the lawn for the purpose of touching a hump on a dwarf's back.

Even August Belmont is believed to be superstitious, because he employs a clever young hunchback to place his commissions in the betting ring. This reverence for the deformed is not confined to the turf.

Women who bet have their favorite messenger boys and will allow no others to place their commissions. "Oh, where is my lucky boy?" is the anxious inquiry that is heard over and over again. If the lucky boy fails to turn up there is no bet.

A speculator in doubt resorts to innumerable devices in his search for tips. If only two horses go to the post he probably flips a dime, heads for one, tails for the other, to decide which is the winner. If there are ten starters he writes their respective numbers on small bits of paper, shakes them in his two hands, presses the palms close together, opens them and blows the numbers away. The last one to leave his hand is the winner.—Horse and Stable.

LITERARY LIGHTS.

It is interesting to know that Mrs. E. Lynn Linton was the first English woman journalist.

Patience Stapleton is the daughter of an old sea captain, and was born in the little town of Wiscasset, on the coast of Maine.

Mr. James Runciman is an English literary philanthropist, who is stirring up the tender hearted Britishers to a realizing sense of the hardship and suffering of the North Sea fishermen. He is a marine Besant.

Brander Matthews, the novelist, finds play writing more profitable, and in some ways pleasanter, than other lines of literary work. He thinks, however, that the playwright has to undergo more nervous worry than the novelist.

Richard Whiteing, the author of "The Island," is one of the best known figures in literary London. He is about 40 years old and looks as if he might have stood for Charlotte Bronte's Rochester. Tall and powerfully built, he has a leonine head covered with massive waves of iron gray hair.

The ablest journalist among the Scandinavians in America—and they have a powerful press of 100 papers—is Mr. Louis Pio, of Chicago. His articles are written with a pen as keen as a diamond, and some eighteen or twenty years ago his leaders in the Radical opposition paper in Denmark brought him a reward of three years' solitary confinement in a Danish prison.

John Maddison Morton, the veteran author of "Box and Cox," for whom a benefit was recently gotten up in London, is a benevolent looking old gentleman, with curly white hair and side whiskers; but, although once very tall, is now considerably bent with the weight of his 9 and 70 years. Like Col. Newcome, he is dreaming away the evening of life in the Charter house, but he still shaves himself 365 times a year.

STRAY BITS.

King, the aeronaut, in thirty-eight years, has made 302 balloon ascensions.

The production of Brazilian coffee has been doubled within the last ten years.

Connecticut oyster dealers say that the best and fastest oyster openers are women.

A single charge of powder for the 12-inch guns used in the English navy costs £8 10s.

A Springfield, O., man requires a No. 9 shoe for his right foot and a No. 6 for his left.

The pet dog of the Princess of Wales wears a collar inscribed: "Jummy belongs to the Princess of Wales."

Two hundred a day was the average number of tourists who ascended the Vesuvius railway in one month recently to look down into the mouth of the volcano.

The Japanese census for 1888 showed a population of 39,607,234. The marriages numbered 330,240 and the divorces 100,175. Japan evidently leads the nations in the latter particular.

In the little town of Schleswig-Holstein there is a tax exemption for dogs that sleep with their masters and mistresses, and so preserve them from gout, rheumatism and like pains.

Queensland, the youngest of the Australian colonies, is three times as large as France and nearly six times as large as the United Kingdom; yet it contains a population of less than 400,000.

Paris is surrounded by ramparts twenty-seven miles long. Within these the river Seine, which divides the city, curves and doubles until there are seven miles of it. It is crossed by twenty-seven bridges.

The consumption of tobacco is increasing in France. Tobacco is now grown in twenty-two departments in France. In the central departments there are few smokers, but in the northeast and southeast of that country everybody smokes.

The Eiffel tower will remain melancholy and unvisited on the Champ de Mars at Paris this winter. In the spring it will be reopened to visitors. M. Eiffel has a chamber at the top, into which he can retreat when he wishes to be alone and work hard.

James S. Carlton, an aged man now living in Baltimore, Md., claims to have been the first discoverer of the peculiar effects of cocaine. He says that as early as 1849 he knew the properties of the drug and made use of them in his own family.

Edward [illegible], the proprietor of The Daily Chronicle and Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper, London, not only makes the paper on which he prints his news, but also grows the grass from which the paper is made. The visitor to his office is shown a large photograph of his Algerian grass farm, with laborers busy gathering and packing esparto for his paper mills at Bow, near London.

ROYAL FLUSHES.

The emperor of China is considered the most unlucky mortal in his empire.

The empress of Austria has transferred her fondness for horseback riding to yachting.

King Kalakaua of the Sandwich Islands has written a play. He plays poker very well.

The German empress has ordered several of her apartments in her palace to be furnished in Turkish style.

It is said that the king of Bavaria smokes 100 cigarettes a day, and sets off a box of matches each time he lights one.

The queen of Sweden eats beefsteaks, often raw, at every meal; salmon, preserved in the Swedish fashion, and pancakes fried in oil.

The Grand Duchess of Baden, whose table is the most recherche in Germany, always makes the coffee herself in a Russian coffee machine of gold.

The ex-Queen Isabella's peculiar weakness is Valencian rice soup, while the present queen of Spain remains true to her native Austrian style of cooking.

Of all the royal personages, the Prince of Wales is the most noted for the enormous quantity of luggage which he causes to be sent with him on his journeys. He takes whole boxes of hats and huge trunks of dress suits, morning coats and other changes. He makes a point when visiting anywhere of not being seen twice in the same coat.

Neither Queen Victoria nor the Princess of Wales ever carries money about with her, and they are frequently subjected to awkward, and sometimes amusing, contretemps in consequence. On one occasion last summer the Princess of Wales, when seeking admission to a public entertainment in London, found herself in the predicament of not possessing the two shillings required for the payment of the entrance fee.

Mr. Labouchere, who spent several years at Constantinople in his younger days as an attache of the British embassy there, asserts that the present sultan is the son of a Kurd slave who was employed in the harem of his reputed father. He adds that it is believed at Stamboul that his real father was an Armenian coachman attached to the court. This rumor is to a certain extent corroborated by the distinctly Armenian features of the commander of the faithful and also by several peculiar traits of his character.

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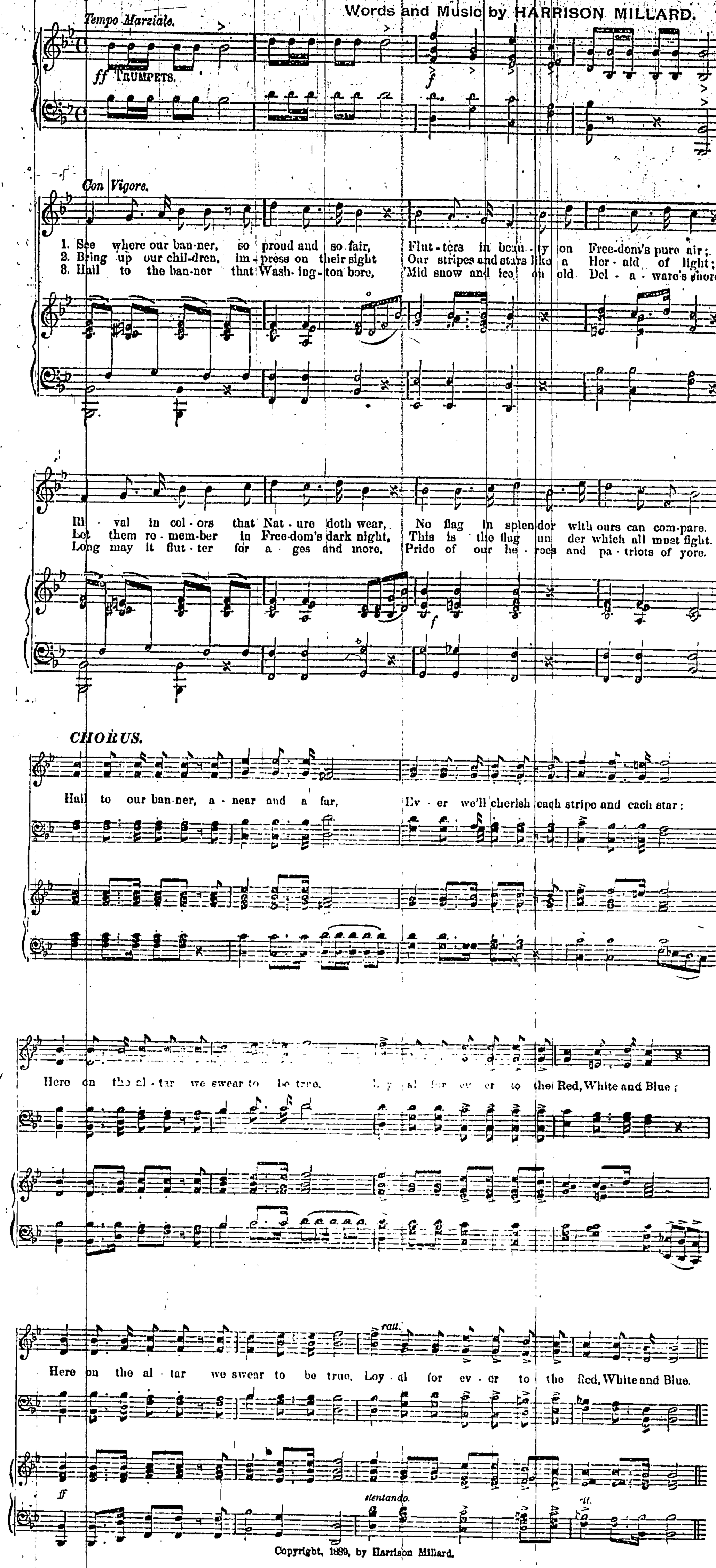

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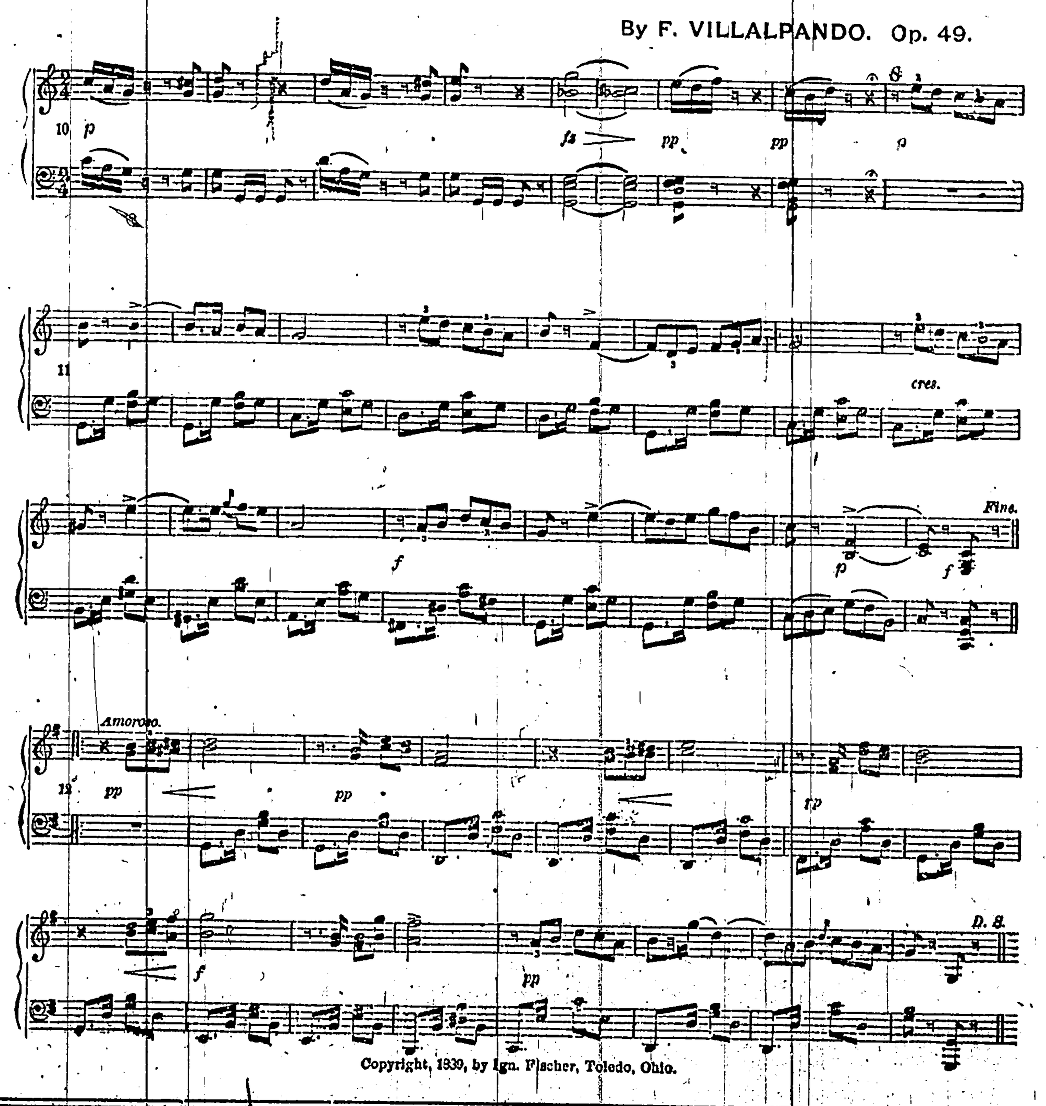

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A TIMELY GREETING.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

ING loudly, O my soul,
A pæan to the Lord!
His goodness, grace and love extol,
And for his mercies poured
Upon thee as the seasons roll,
Give thanks in glad accord.

For on this happy day
A star from heaven was born,
To blazon out the humble way
To where our Lord was born,
And change earth's twilight, cold and gray,
To spiritual morn.

Rejoice, my soul, and know
That Christ is born anew,
His grace new mercies daily show,
His works our work imbue;
And to the world his words outgo
In endless love and true.

WILLIAM E. S. FALES.

"Merry Christmas!"—ring it out
All ye happy festal bells,
Through the sweet magnolia groves,
Frozen moors, or snow heaped fells.
Carols rise, and yule fires glow,
Sprays of silver mistletoe
Shine from out the dark green pine.
Yule tide, peace and joy be thine!

"Blessed Christmas!"—ring it out,
All ye tuneful festal bells,
Unto cheerless hearts, wherein
Neither hope nor gladness dwells.
Heavens smile, and stars shine out
All our yule decked homes about;
Angels stand within the door—
Christmas tide is come once more!

—Helen Chase.

THE MERRITT MATTER.

HOW HELEN BLAKE BROUGHT ABOUT A CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION.

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I WONDER what you'll be like at my age," said William Merritt angrily to his son Albert, one day memorable in the lives of both.

William Merritt was what the people called "a hard man to get along with." He was hard, just, sincere and severe. He began mature life as a flatboat captain, and finished his training as sheriff of an Indiana county. A born ruler, at 50 years of age he knew absolutely nothing of any methods save stern command and force ready for instant application. To this he added a habit of perpetual fault finding.

He had been going over the hoary harangue, with which some old people have insulted young ones since the days of Homer, about the good boys and the industrious young men of his early life and the degenerate sons of these days, when Albert's satirical humor rose.

"You're mighty little account now," said the father. "What'll you be at my age?"

"I suppose," said Albert, unconsciously imitating his father's sneer, "I'll do like other old men—sit and tell lies about the big things I did when I was a boy."

It was one of those insults which some men consider "the first blow," and the second fell promptly. Raising his broad, right hand, and foaming with rage, the father brought it down flat across the son's mouth. The blood flew from Albert's nose as he staggered back. He rallied, gazed an instant on the father, then turned away with clinched teeth and set purpose.

He sought his confidant, Sam McCorkle, the drunken shoemaker's boy near by, who was of the same age as Albert, but knew fifty times as much of the tricks and devices of the oppressed. At 10 years Sam was an expert in evasive tricks; at 18 he was simply a prodigy.

These two had met and conferred often—the sad, cynical skeptic, whose father was among the well-to-do farmers of the community, and the finished trickster, whose father was the outcast; they often laid out wonderful plans of life in distant regions; but soon a fair young face rose before Albert Merritt's eyes, and he could not make up his mind to go. It was the face of Helen Blake, only a few years before his schoolmate. But now Albert was resolved. If Helen thought of him as often as he did of her, she would wait for him to return, and if she were worth the winning she would respect him more for leaving the discomforts of his present life. Thus he reasoned.

Late that night two lads with small bundles might have been seen, but took care not to be, on the river road, and it was soon known to all the community that they had left the place.

Of farewells the boys had said none.

Albert had indeed written a brief note to his mother, in which he had bidden her a good-by full of clumsily worded tenderness, and another to Helen, which he had formally begun "Miss Helen Blake," and in which he had as formally expressed the hope that, though absent perhaps for years, he would not be forgotten. These epistles he took with him in his flight, and a day or two later entrusted them to Sam McCorkle to post, but that individual, fearful that the route of departure would be guessed by the postmark, calmly destroyed them, although he solemnly declared to Albert that he had deposited them in the postoffice of a considerable town through which they journeyed. And so the two boys were quite cut off from the old world of semi-servitude.

That a father should be sorry for the flight of a son is but natural; that he should, while a spark of pride or anger remains, tell anyone of his sorrow would be contrary to all recorded precedents in such cases. William Merritt was not the man to violate precedents of discipline. He held himself stiffly, waved away the subject complacently, and said when he spoke at all: "Oh, he'll soon get sick of his flirt—he'll be glad enough to come back." But late summer yielded to autumn, and autumn gave place to winter, and a sad Christmas day had come, for Albert Merritt had made no sign.

When Helen Blake was told that Albert Merritt was a "runaway boy" she merely said, "Ah, indeed," and bent very low over her work; but she knew why he had gone—knew it, indeed, about as well as he did.

Ere long she and Mrs. Merritt seemed to have a good deal to say to each other. They seldom if ever mentioned Albert, but it always seemed that the mother was much cheered after a visit from Helen. In her own desponding heart the mother said: "He will never come back, he is too much like his father," a favorite delusion with mothers, by the way. And so, on this sad Christmas day, the two sorrowful women exchanged deep sympathies without exchanging a word on the subject nearest their hearts, and the mother felt that night as if volumes had been spoken on the subject, when in fact it had not been mentioned. And thereafter Helen came oftener and oftener, and somehow after each visit the mother felt an assurance that all would be right, and felt it just the same whether Albert's name was mentioned or not.

Now, after the first shock was passed, Helen Blake never felt a doubt in her bosom that she would in good time receive some word from Albert Merritt, and she would have risked much on her conviction that she would hear before either of his parents, though she could not have told you why, and probably would not if she could, for the best farm in Jackson township. Yet she knew it all the same, and visited the Merritts often, and at each visit it somehow fell out that something rather singular happened.

On one occasion she grew quite hilarious in reminiscences of a certain school exhibition, and told how the teacher had photographs of the whole class taken, a set for all, and how childish the pictures looked now, and how everybody had changed, though it was but six years ago, and then she brought out the photographs—cheap, tawdry things they were, but among them was one of a tall, fair boy, with all the glow of class leadership in his eye, and light hair curling around a bold forehead, and under it, in round boyish script, was the autograph, "Albert Merritt."

A pang shot through the father's heart, and he longed for her to talk of his boy; but she rattled on about Tom and Jennie and Mattie, and soon hastened home.

But the mother noticed that Helen "had forgotten her pictures," and so they lay on the looking glass stand for many a day, where the father often saw the presentiment of his boy, but he never touched it, and they lay there till Helen came again.

This time she brought a "story paper" for Mrs. Merritt, saying that the main story in it had interested her very much; and after she was gone William Merritt picked it up and pished and pshawed and ridiculed the pictures, but he read the story. It was a commonplace novelette of a son, who had fled from a harsh father and enlisted in the Federal army, and who was sick almost unto death in a southern hospital, and how in delirium he babbled of home, and how a Sister of Charity wrote to the father, who came and patiently nursed his boy back to life and love and forgiveness. A commonplace story—one of ten thousand war stories of the time—but the father's hand trembled as he read, and he rushed to the field and drove his work with unusual energy and shouted louder than ever at his team, and at night was stern and silent and solemn to a degree that surprised even his long suffering wife.

The other children would occasionally venture a reference to Albert, and now when Helen came the father would blame the runaway; but she only listened quietly and asked if they had ever heard of him, and turned the talk to their school days. And so two years passed away and the third Christmas came. In celebration of the day the Merritts were to be the guests of the Blakes, and when they gathered in the big room of the great farm house it happened that all the young people present were of that last day class at the head of which Albert Merritt had stood. Of course Helen Blake never thought of alluding to such a fact—"It just happened so," her parents thought—but there were plenty in a class of eight young people who could talk as fast as they could think, and usually did it, too. And so the conversation rattled on about that glorious day, and the father, whose heart was literally pounding against his ribs, and whose internal struggles were such that he could not tell whether he was eating turkey or oak chips, talked loudly and aggressively to those at his end of the table, and quite overbore Mr. Blake on politics, and finally offered to bet "the pick of his horses agin' a yearlin' calf" that his candidate for the presidency would have 500,000 majority over any man the other side could put up next year.

JUMPED TO THE GROUND.

Now Helen was quite satisfied in her own mind that the little surprise had done its work, but that evening her brother brought home the weekly mail, and in it, after all her weary waiting, a little surprise for her. It was a copy of The Tekeewah (Kan.) Bugle, and great was the wonder in the family as to the why and wherefore of its coming; but Helen knew. There wasn't a mark of any kind on the printed sheet, so she set herself resolutely to read every line. Never had far western publisher in the most heated campaign a more devoted reader, and at last, in a leaded article in the page headed "Local Intelligence," she found a list of members of a new fire company, and among the names was "Albert Merritt." A writer in the "County Correspondence" of the next issue of The County Democrat told of "our fair ladies who charmed the audience with their music" at a certain Christmas eve church festival, and, by request conveyed in a note inclosing the stamps, the publisher directed a copy to "A. Merritt, Esq., Tekeewah, Kan." And this sort of thing went on for eight months more, and the golden autumn set in and the country was most mightily stirred over the presidential election, and the Blakes and the Merritts began to look forward with strangely mingled feelings to another Christmas.

William Merritt was the same and yet not the same. His hair, which was just streaked with gray when his son Albert had left him, was now whitening visibly. His broad, burly shoulders had begun to stoop. His hard eyes had lost somewhat of their steadiness, and occasionally there were lines denoting mental pain visible in his austere countenance. His voice, too, sometimes quavered in a way that astonished no one more than himself. And one day just after the sorrel colt—a wild, vicious beast, he was breaking to the saddle—had almost thrown him on the way to town, he had caught himself audibly wishing that Albert, who must be a full grown, strong man by this time, were there to help subjugate the animal.

"CAN'T WE GET ALBERT BACK?"

And so when Helen next paid the Merritt homestead a visit she found the fortress of the old man's heart ready to yield. She had the day before received a copy of The Tekeewah Bugle, in which she found the following paragraph half way down a crudely written account of a fire in that enterprising town:

"We should utterly fail in our duty to our readers if we omitted to take more than passing note of the heroic conduct of one of our young townsmen, a prominent and efficient member of Avalanche Engine company No. 1. Of course we refer to Mr. Albert Merritt, than whom a braver man never drew breath. No sooner had it become known that a child was in the burning building than, at the risk of his own life, Mr. Merritt rushed into the smoke and flames, dashed up the stairs almost at a bound, and, groping about in the stifling heat, found the infant, fought his way through the fire to the window, for by this time the stairway was burning, and jumped to the ground with his precious burden safe on his arms. He was greeted with such a cheer as only Tekeewah throats can give. We regret to be obliged to add that Mr. Merritt suffered a painful, though not necessarily dangerous, injury in the breaking of an arm, which was struck by a falling timber. He was also rather severely burned. It is hoped, however, that he will soon be himself again."

This paper Helen brought with her but carefully hidden. She had determined, if need be, to show it to the stern father, but she proposed to hold it for the last resort. But her manner (for, though ordinarily calm, she was now much excited) betrayed her, and as soon as William Merritt looked into her face he knew that she knew something of Albert; and her unwonted agitation, as he gazed fixedly at her, convinced him that something was amiss with his son. Mrs. Merritt was about to speak when her husband interrupted her in strained, quivering tones:

"Helen Blake," he said, "is Albert dead? Tell me the truth!"

There was a world of paternal love in the old man's voice now. But for a moment Helen said nothing, for she felt that were she to speak she would instantly and completely lose her control. So with a deprecatory gesture and a white face she walked to the window to compose herself, while the father and mother waited in suspense. After a little she turned again to them, and, with a reassuring look toward Mrs. Blake, who sat with clasped hands and parted lips, she took the paper from her pocket.

"I would like to read to you an article from The Tekeewah (Kansas) Bugle," she said, in as steady a voice as she could command. And then she read the account of the fire, from headlines to dash, without a break, and without looking up. When she had done she raised her eyes. Mrs. Blake was crying quietly and the old man was quite broken down.

"Helen," he said, reaching out both hands to the girl, "it's no use. I can't be a hardened old fool no longer. Can't we get Albert back here with us? Hadn't I better go out to Kansas and get him? Poor boy, may be he's hurt worse than it says." And then the old man let the tears flow unconcealed.

That night a letter was mailed to Tekeewah, Kan. It was written by Helen, though unsigned, and here is a copy:

Mr. Albert Merritt:

The account of the recent fire in Tekeewah and the bravery displayed by yourself on that occasion has worked a great change of opinion in certain quarters, a change which would have come soon, however, in the natural course of things. Your father is very much broken and anxious to see you. A FRIEND.

When Albert Merritt received this letter he was convalescent, lying on the bed of the best room in the Tekeewah tavern, while Sam McCorkle was standing in the center of the floor telling some admiring friends for the thousandth time how "my pard here saved that gal baby." "I tell you," he said, "it takes the boys from old Indianny to do things. Now, I mind me one time before I came west of how little Jimmy Jones fell into the river, an' I jumped right in without stopping to peel a bit"— And then he reeled off a wholly imaginary yarn of his own bravery, while Albert smiled and the rest listened open mouthed. When Albert had read his letter he said, quietly:

"Sam, I'm going home for Christmas. I shall start as soon as I can do it safely."

Sam was astounded, but he did not remonstrate, and finally concluded to go, too, "just to take care of Al," he explained to the boys. But secretly he was glad of the excuse.

The next issue of The Tekeewah Bugle contained this paragraph:

"Our well known townsman, Mr. Albert Merritt, is about to visit his old home in Indiana, where he will probably spend the holidays. He is very nearly well of the injuries sustained at the recent fire. He will be accompanied by his fast friend, Mr. Sam McCorkle, the well known lightning rod agent."

The stage was due to pass William Merritt's house at 4:30 o'clock on Christmas eve, but the roads were bad and it was quite dark when, with a sweeping curve, it swerved to the side of the pike and stopped in front of the house, in the open front doorway of which, in strong silhouette against the flood of light within, stood the burly form of William Merritt, his hands outstretched with trembling hopefulness.

"Come along, Sam," said one of the young men who dismounted from the back seat of the high stage, "I need you yet."

There was a cry, in which recognition, welcome and forgiveness were all blended from the figure in the doorway, and an answer from the taller of the travelers, who still carried one arm in a sling. And a moment later William Merritt led this one into his house.

"Mother," he said, "our boy has come back."

In the ecstatic joy of meeting his mother, Albert had forgotten Sam McCorkle, and when he looked for him that individual had disappeared. As he afterward explained, he "didn't feel like he was any use when folks was all a-cryin' and a-woopin' and fallin' on each other's necks, so he just sloped."

But Albert did not look for Sam very long. He had much to tell of his new life in the west, where he had been fairly successful and his father and mother and brothers and sisters had quite as much to tell him.

THERE WAS A CRY.

The next day there was such a Christmas gathering at William Merritt's house as had never been there before. Such roast turkey with cranberry sauce, and such juicy mince pies, and such mealy potatoes, and such fine, white home made bread, and such good things to eat generally as they who sat down at the dinner table partook of have never been excelled. All the Blakes were there, and so were all the members of that class of eight, whose photographs were the first weapon Helen had employed in storming William Merritt's flinty old heart.

And Sam McCorkle, too, the drunken shoemaker's son, full of far western dash and historian of the time "Al rescued the baby." He was "Mr. McCorkle," an honored guest, and no one received greater respect than he. But he did not rise to the height of his glory till evening, for at the dinner table Albert would not suffer his own praises to be sung in too high a key. But when Albert, seeming to have something particular to say to Helen, whose great, brown eyes sparkled unwontedly and whose cheeks persisted in blushing furiously, led her away with him into a quiet corner and left the field to Sam, that individual chanted his hero's deeds to his heart's content and everybody else's delight, though he did not let slip the opportunities to tell of some things he had himself accomplished in the west.

The close of this veracious history may be clipped from The Tekeewah Bugle of March 15, 1890:

"Mr. Samuel McCorkle, the gentlemanly and enterprising agent for Flash & Hitch's justly celebrated lightning rods, has returned from Indiana healthy and happy. His friend and our former townsman, Mr. Albert Merritt, has concluded to remain east, where he will settle down upon his father's extensive farms. A little bird has whispered that the blind god had something to do with Mr. Merritt's decision to forego a share in the golden future sure to come to Tekeewah. Those who are curious in this matter are directed to the notice in the marriage column on another page headed 'Merritt-Blake.'"

HENRY DAWSON.

A HUMBLE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

There was not very much on the table—in fact, it wasn't very much of a table, being made of a dry goods box stood on its side. The room belonged to the grocer, but he had told them they could have the use of it for Christmas night. In the corner there was a little, cracked stove, which was so hot that it shone like a big lump of Christmas cheer in the semi-darkness.

Pretty soon "Swipesy" came in out of the roar of the city street. He had a few unsold papers under one arm and a small—a very small—bundle under the other. With him was his sister Suze. They were orphans trying to make their own way. She had had good luck and had sold all her papers. She took what was left of Swipsy's stock and spread a nice clean paper over the dry goods box. Then he unrolled his bundle.

"Oh, Swipesy!" said the girl.

There was a can of cooked corn beef and a little box of figs.

Pretty soon the others began to come in. There was "Mickey" with a little packet of coffee, some sugar, and (what luck!) some cabbage that the apple woman on the corner had cooked and given him with big tears in her honest, Irish eyes when he told her about the dinner.

"It ain't much, Mickey," she said, "but may the good saints make it taste as relishin' as if 'twas as big as a barn and cooked in a gowld skillet."

There were five charter members of the dinner party, so to speak. "Rocks" (so named from his manner of defending himself in his frequent "scraps") came into the room next. He too had a little bundle which was undone with due ceremony. When "Piper" came in he stopped a minute just inside the threshold, and held the door open while he beckoned to some one on the outside.

"C'mon in," said he. "The fellers'll be glad ter see yer."

Then there entered a little fellow not more than 6 years old. He was very much embarrassed, and held his finger to his lips. Piper, by way of introduction, said:

"Fellers—and Suze—this 'ere little cove" (Piper himself was a big cove, having been thirteen years, and being the oldest member of the dinner party) "is comin' to our Crismuss. He's just gone into the paper sellin' biz, an' he ain't got no boodle. I'm a takin' care o' him till he gits started. See?"

For a minute an embarrassed silence hung over the little group. Then the little people opened their hearts to the newcomer (and they were big hearts for such very small bodies), and he was one of the dinner party.

Piper explained to him:

"You see," said Piper, "fer fellers and Suze had heard a lot 'bout Crismuss. We don' know jzac'ly what it is, but we'do know that everybody, wot is anybody, has a Crismuss dinner. So we jes chipped in, and—and" (waving his hand around the room) "here y' are."

"But I ain't chipped in," said the newcomer.

"Well, wot if y' ain't. Y' can nex' time." So that was settled.

Suze in the meantime had produced a pail from somewhere, and an old stew pan from somewhere else, and some broken crockery from still another place.

"You'll make the coffee and warm the cabbage and meat, darlint," said Mickey. "Yez are the only woman here."

So Suze went at it.

It wasn't long before everything was ready, and they gathered around the box. The savory odor from the coffee pot and stew pan had tickled the twelve little nostrils, and the six mouths were as eager to taste the poor little dinner as over yours was to pick your succulent Christmas turkey bones.

They fell to at once.

"I'm f'raid the coffee ain't very good," said Suze. But she smiled the satisfied smile that every housewife smiles while decoying her own dainties, and was as pleased as you ever were, my fine lady, in similar circumstances, when Rocks exclaimed in answer:

"Finer'n Delmonico's, I'll bet."

Before very long the dinner had been eaten. They sat around and talked for awhile, and the little 6-year-old fell asleep with his head on Suze's knees, and her fingers passed lovingly over the little fellow's dirty forehead, and by-and-by she leaned over and kissed him.

The tallow candle burned low in its green bottle candlestick, and when Piper rose and queried:

"Well, fellers—and Suze—has we had a merry Crismuss?" A fervent "You bet!" went from the mouths of every one but the 6-year-old, and he smiled in his sleep.

The dinner party was over. D. E. M.

The Drumstick.

Behold my rotund wealth of meat,
With all its juices, rich and sweet!
How firm, how solid, are my parts,
And how I go straight to the hearts
Of children, with distended jaws,
In wait to hide me in their maws.

Ah! how I love to lie in state
Upon the table, while you wait
With eager eyes and teeth that burn,
Until it comes to be your turn.
How crisp my skin, and, oh! how brown,
And how I tickle going down;
And, then, my bone, oh! what delight,
To pick it till it's clean and white.

How would you like, on Christmas Day,
To tramp till noon and then, we'll say,
To come back home, well almost starved,
And find no waiting, nicely carved?
Between your finger and your thumb
You hold me up, thus (yum, yum, yum!)
I tickle every nerve, I thrill
Your stomachs, and I fill the bill,
And with all men I nothing lack—
In fact, I have the inside track!

TOM MASSON.

"A merry Crismuss!" far and wide
Rings out this wish on every hand,
A greeting glad this Christmastide,
Re-echoing through all the land.

LIGHT AND AIRY.

He Does Indeed.

All tennis outfits, flannel suits
And yachting costumes gay,
The straw hat, blazer, yellow boots
Have now been put away.

Upon the lawn are seen no more
Young men and maidens fair,
And where is heard old ocean's roar
The stormy beach is bare.

Deserted are the haunts of old
Where summer's winds were tame,
Yet Cupid never minds the cold,
He gets there just the same.

—Tom Masson in Tickler and Furnisher.

How It Happened.

"How happens it, Julia—that ring on your finger—
That costly and elegant new solitaire?
And why in the parlor so long did you linger
Last evening? I thought you detested young Blair!"

"Why, that's what I told the horrid young man, sir."
Said Julia, and blushed to the roots of her hair.
"But, papa, he wouldn't take no for an answer,
And—he brought—a good deal of—pressure—to bear."

—Chicago Tribune.

Woman's Ruling Passion.

Passenger—Conductor, conductor, can I speak with you?

Conductor—This is a long train, madam, and I'm very busy. Is it anything important?

Passenger—Well, I haven't spoken to anybody for about an hour, and I'm just dying to have a nice long chat!—Boston Herald.

She Was Mistaken.

She stood at the mirror and arranged her hair
In the style that she thought most becoming,
And smiled as she thought of her "fellow" there
In the parlor alone in the gloaming.

She was taking great comfort in making him wait,
But the fact is, he never had missed her,
He was flirting away at a quite rapid rate
With her pretty 16-year-old sister.

—Exchange.

An Infallible Sign.

Mr. Benedict—Well, I guess it will clear off and be pleasant.

Mrs. Benedict (decidedly)—Oh, no, it won't!

"But, my dear, the sun is piercing the clouds, the air is bracing, and the sky is beautifully blue. Why do you think it will continue to rain?"

"My corn aches."—New York Sun.

The Weary, Bleary Dude.

"Will you think of me often, my darling?" she said;
But the dude struck her dumb with a shake of his head.
"I'd really be glad to," he drawled with a wink,
"But most of the time I'm too tired to think."

—Munsey's Weekly.

The Maiden's Prayer.

Young Miss Wilgus—Where are you going, papa?

Rev. Mr. Wilgus—To the temperance meeting. We intend to inaugurate a movement to save the young men of the country.

Young Miss Wilgus—Try and save a real nice one for me, will you, papa, dear?—Rehoboth Herald.

About Mary's Young Man.

He loves Mary fondly and she likes him too;
He comes twice a week now his darling to woo;
They sit in the parlor; she flirts her new fan,
And he flirts with Mary, does Mary's young man.

—Somerville Journal.

Two Definitions.

Wife—John, dear, define a philanthropist!

Husband—A philanthropist, my love, is a man who gives away other people's money.

W.—And what is a philosopher?

H.—A philosopher is a man who bears with resignation the toothache from which his neighbor is suffering.—Boston Courier.

To Her Umbrella.

You protect her—wish I could—
From snow, or rain, or any harms;
I offer, but it does no good:
She won't seek shelter in my arms.

—William Clyde Fitch in Washington Lounger.

Plain as Day.

"What do you mean by a long felt want, Mr. Bronson?"

"Why, that's very simple. Felt, as you know, is made from wool; so that a long felt want is what we might term a desire that is all wool and a yard wide."—Harper's Bazar.

A Prayer.

We use it now to cure and kill,
To light us when 'tis dark,
But draw the line, O Jack and Jill,
At the electric "spark."—Time.

Capturing a Prize.

Aunt Mabel (to niece)—And did you win any prizes at your school commencement, Clara?

Clara (demurely)—Yes, aunty, young Mr. Smith, on our way home, asked me to marry him.—The Epoch.

Taken In and Done For.

"Alas!" cried the captured fish,
"How little did I opine
The worm that looked so delicious could have such a horrible spine!"

—New York Herald.

At His Own Shadow.

A man aroused his wife from a sound sleep the other night, saying that he had seen a ghost in the shape of a donkey.

"Oh! let me sleep," the irate dame rejoined, "and don't be frightened at your own shadow."

Very True.

The man who is content to idly stand,
Nor strive his hopes to gain,
Will get a ticket to the promised land,
And then will miss the train.

—Merchant Traveler.

Something Lacking.

Miss Upperten (writing a letter for Chloe)—I have finished the last sentence, Chloe. Is there anything more you desire to say?

Chloe—Dat's all, Miss, 'cept to say please 'scuse writin' and spellin'.—Chicago Chaff.

A Protested Note.

She tried to sing a lofty note,
Beyond her reach it rested;
The manager next morning wrote:
"Miss B., your note's protested."

—New York Press.

PIGEON PARAGRAPHS.

Spanish Runts, as the name implies, are prized for their smallness.

Suabians pigeons are of German origin and esteemed for their beautiful spangled coats.

The Great Crown pigeon is the largest; it is very nearly as [illegible] as a common turkey.

Construct a dove cot or pigeon house in some elevated position out of the reach of rats, etc.

Male and female jointly sit upon the eggs during incubation, and both assist in feeding the young.

The Talpicoti, a small pigeon peculiar for its remarkably white head, is a native of South America.

No other bird drinks as the pigeon does, by a continuous draught, as do quadrupeds, and not by intervals, as birds do.

Pigeons are the connecting link between the passerine birds and poultry, yet they display many features common to neither.

The Blue Owl is not a nocturnal bird, as its name would imply, but a pigeon, and it is given its name from the shape of its bill.

Pigeons are faithful to their mates, and will continue to occupy the same faithful domestic relations to each other year after year.

Pigeons do not begin to breed until they are nine months old. They lay but one or two eggs at a time and breed the year around, save when exposed to very cold weather.

Each entrance to your dove cot should be provided with a slip of wood for the birds to rest on, but as the pigeons are likely to fight over these slips it is best to divide each slip by a partition.

The Tumbler is noted for its peculiar flight. Instead of taking a straight forward course it throws itself backwards, performing a graceful back somersault with ease and evident satisfaction.

Pigeon cots should fall to the southeast. They should be painted white, as this color attracts the pigeon; gravel should be scattered in front of the cot and a little hay or straw kept handy for nests.

Carrier pigeons are more highly prized than any others, and within the last century they have been employed more or less among the European nations in military operations and as carriers of various dispatches.

Each pair of birds should have a cell about twelve inches deep and sixteen inches broad. These cells are built inside the cot, or house, having entrance holes cut at one side of the front, so that the nests may be built out of sight.

Strange to say, regardless of color or perfectness otherwise, a Fantail must be able to touch its head with its tail when strutting or else it is worthless to the fancier. They are of all colors, but the pure white is the favorite.

For the first three days after hatching the young are fed by a secretion from the crop, very much resembling curds; after this they are given grain, together with the secretion, but as the young birds grow older the curd is diminished and is no longer fed after the ninth day.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

ELECTRIC NOTES.

The largest incandescent circuit in the world is forty-five miles in length. The company working it is located at Ottawa.

Surgeons are making constantly increasing opportunities for making use of electricity in the service of their profession. It is said to be admirably adapted for the treatment of neuralgic pain, and its application in chronic cases is very beneficial.

Among those who have worked out the problem of procuring aluminum by electrolysis M. Minet is one of the most successful. The electrolyte used by him is a mixture of from 30 to 40 per cent. of cryolite with from 60 to 70 per cent. of common salt.

It is said to be well established that waste water power can be successfully converted into electrical energy. It can be conveyed from ten to one hundred miles on a small copper wire in amount varying from ten to five hundred horse power. The cost does not exceed $6,500 a mile for the greater distance and the larger power.

Scientists anticipate that the recent discovery of a rich lode of uranium in Cornwall, Eng., will enable some very important applications of the metal to be followed up. Uranium may be used as a substitute for gold in electro plated ware. Moreover, because of its high electrical resistance, it is likely to be largely used in electric insulations.

The latest development of the electric light is likely to prove of great use for vehicular traffic. A small incandescent globe and reflector are placed on the forehead of a horse, insulated wires are carried along its body to a small battery stowed in the trailing vehicle. The current is turned on at pleasure, and an unmistakable blaze of light illumines the murky surroundings.

A novel cure was effected by the use of a dynamo at Westgate-on-Sea, Eng. A Mr. Brown, while trimming a grate to make a fit, detached a very small splinter of iron, which flew off and struck him in the eye. An electrical engineer who met him shortly after took him to a dynamo that was working near by. Brown placed his eye as close as possible to the machine, and the magnetic attraction was sufficiently intense to withdraw the splinter of iron from his eye, which was instantly relieved and which gave no further trouble.

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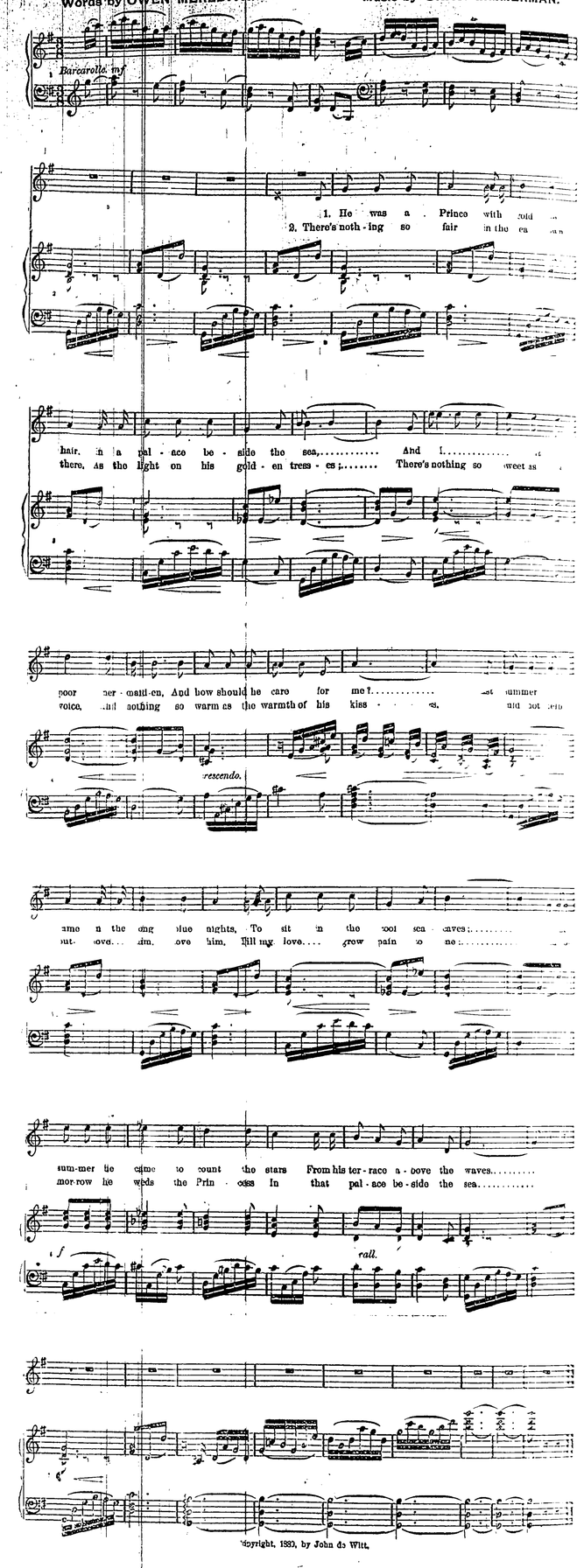

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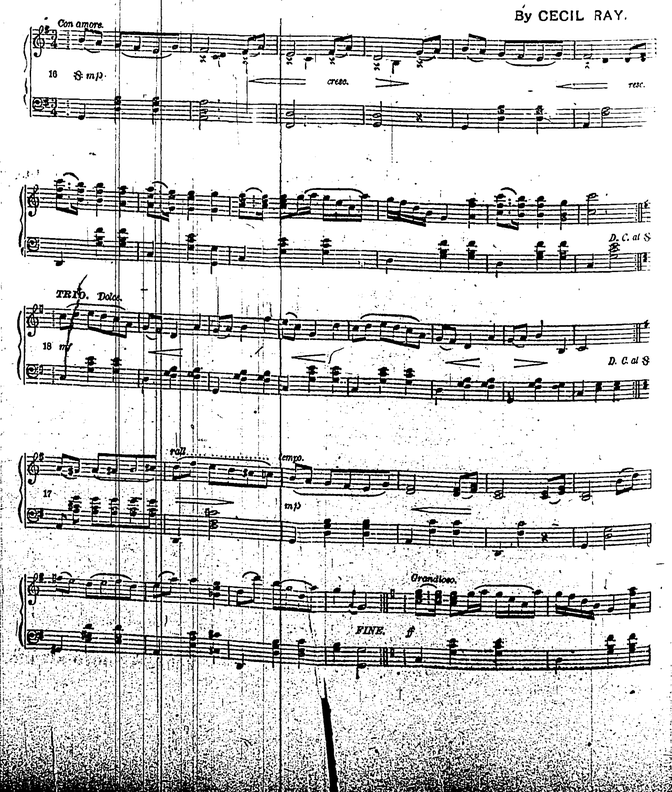
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