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BY THE WAY.

—Wednesday, Dec. 21st, will be the shortest day in the year.

—The young folks hope that Signal Service Officer Shaw will order from the weather bureau a Christmas gift of good sleighing.

—Foreman Skelly of the Electric Light Company had an upset on West Front street yesterday. He was riding around in a sleigh, on a tour of inspection.

—If you want shaft bells, body bells or saddle bells for your horses, the only assortment in town worth looking at is at L. M. French's carriage and sleigh repository on Somerset street.

—You will find obliging clerks who will be glad to show you a handsome and inexpensive line of holiday presents at Rand's, 24 W. Front street. Christmas cards and novelties especially.

—While we are in the midst of our holiday festivities, let us not forget the little ones at the Children's Home, and remember the old proverb, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive"—even if it is more expensive.

Tho' the sun sets in the west,
And the hen sets in the nest
And the griddle-cake sets nicely in the crop,
Yet the tea-set you will find
Better suited to your mind
"Round at Olliver's," cause there prices have the drop.

—Mr. A. C. LaBoiteaux has been secured as the leader for the young men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms this evening. Topic: "Christ Our All." Col. 3:11; Eph 1:19-23. A service of even more than usual interest may be expected. All men welcome.

—A comical sight was witnessed by a number of persons at the corner of Park avenue and Second street, on Saturday evening, when several colored females engaged in a snow-balling contest. The contest grew exciting, and the authorities were obliged to interfere.

—Only five contestants appeared on the grounds of the Middlesex Gun Club on Saturday last to shoot for the inanimate target trophies. Mr. Charles Smith won the trophy in Class A for the third consecutive time, and he therefore has it now "for keeps." Warry Squiers won the Class B trophy.

—The glassblowers, who have for the past week been exhibiting to crowded houses in Laing's Hall, have decided to remain in Plainfield for another week. Those who have not witnessed their interesting exhibition should avail themselves of this opportunity. Many beautiful presents are given away each evening.

—Mrs. F. T. Lerner of Madison avenue was seated in a cutter with the coachman, driving along Park avenue at noon to-day. At the corner of Fourth street the horse was suddenly stricken with blind staggers, and fell, breaking the shafts and cutting a deep gash in the animal's nose. Mrs. Lerner jumped from the sleigh, and in doing so lost her pocketbook. It was subsequently found by Lot Marshall and returned to the owner.

Mrs. McNair Alive and Well.

Mrs. Wm. McNair of Scotch Plains who, it is alleged, was brutally beaten by her husband on Monday last, has been traced to Jersey City, where she is said to be stopping with relatives. Prosecutor Steele, of Somerset county, came down on Saturday afternoon, and after consulting the authorities in North Plainfield decided that McNair could be made to answer a charge of felonious assault and battery. Acting under his instructions Justice Austin issued a warrant for McNair's arrest, and on Saturday afternoon Marshal Becker and Constable Bauersachs, equipped with the necessary papers, went to Scotch Plains. The accused was nowhere to be found, but the officers were informed of the fact that Mrs. McNair and her baby were being cared for by relatives in Jersey City, where she had sought refuge. The husband, it is said, has gone to Newark.

A FAMILY JAR.

WESTFIELD'S SOCIETY SCANDALIZED.

Mr. Roll is Too Attentive to His Young Ward, And Assaults His Wife—"Developments" Awaited by the Inquisitive.

On Friday last occurred an arrest which has given considerable food for gossip in the quiet town of Westfield. It was the arrest of James Roll upon complaint of his wife, Sarah Roll, for an alleged assault and battery which he committed upon her on Tuesday last. The complaint was made before Justice Mohr of Elizabeth, and the defendant was arrested on Friday morning and brought before Justice Jaques of Westfield who paroled him upon his own security until two o'clock in the afternoon. At that time Prosecutor Wilson was on hand to represent the State, and John T. Dunn, Esq., of Elizabeth, the defendant. Through some misunderstanding as to the notification of the complainant, Mrs. Roll, to be present, it was agreed to postpone the examination until next Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, at which time no doubt some queer family affairs will be developed. With reference to the assault and battery complained of by Mrs. Roll, a Press reporter was given the following authentic information on Saturday:

It is alleged that Mr. Roll had become too attentive to a young lady named Miss Elizabeth Woodruff, aged 18 years, who has been an inmate of Mr. Roll's family for about one year, and whom Mr. Roll has been appointed guardian of by the Court of Chancery in the settlement of her grand-father's estate, which consists of a large farm about two miles from Westfield. On last Thursday before the arrest, Mrs. Roll having become satisfied of the alleged intimacy—it is understood—attempted to eject Miss Woodruff from the Roll homestead, and at that time Mr. Roll interfered and committed the alleged assault and battery. The assault was very slight, however, no serious harm being done to the complainant. Mrs. Roll immediately consulted her attorneys, J. R. and N. English of Elizabeth, who advised the course taken. After the alleged assault by Mr. Roll, Mrs. Roll left her home and children and went to Mr. Roll's brother's home. It is understood that Mr. Roll refused his wife the custody of the children of which there are two—a girl aged eleven years and a boy aged four—and which Mr. Roll has placed in charge of Mr. Isaac Lawrence, a farmer residing near Springfield, N. J. Mr. Roll is aged about forty years and married his wife about twenty years ago. She was a Miss Pierson of very respectable family and connections. Mr. Roll, after the death of his father, Brook Roll, inherited a large part of the estate. Miss Woodruff, who as alleged has made all the trouble in the Roll family, is one of seven children of Mrs. Mary Woodruff, who died about one year ago. It is not the first time that Mr. Roll and Miss Woodruff have figured in the courts. About eighteen months ago the mother of Miss Woodruff had Mr. Roll arrested for the alleged abduction of her daughter—which case was tried before the courts in New York and created quite a sensation in the metropolitan papers at the time, which gave a long history of the case together with the pictures of Mr. Roll and Miss Woodruff. In justice to Mr. Roll it should be said he was successful in his defence to that suit. There is no doubt that there will be some exciting developments in the examination on Wednesday next, leading, unquestionably, in the end, to divorce proceedings. A number of witnesses have been subpoenaed to give testimony in the case.

OBITUARY

CHARLES W. VAN SLYCK.

At six o'clock this morning Charles W. Van Slyck died of consumption, in the 29th year of his age, at the residence of his father, William H. Van Slyck, Esq., corner of Second and Church streets. The deceased was of the class of '78 of the Plainfield High School, but left before graduating and subsequently entered at St. Paul, Minn., a branch of his father's extended dry-goods business. Leaving there he built up at Mandan, D. T., one of the most successful establishments in that section of the country. While there he met and married Miss Carrie Wetherbee of Connecticut, who survives him. Because of his failing health, Mr. and Mrs. Van Slyck have been living for the past few months at home with his parents. The funeral will take place from the house on Wednesday.

First on the Road.

Mr. George A. Phillips of Park avenue was the first on the road to reach "Taylor's" at Dunellen, yesterday, and was awarded the bottle of wine given each season by the New Jersey "Gabe Case" to the driver of the first sleigh that calls on him. Other gentlemen owners of fast roadsters, arrived soon after Mr. Phillips and his speedy trotter, "Gypsy Girl."

MUSIC IN THE AIR.

What a Man-About-Town Thought of the Praise Service.

I strolled into church last evening, and was much surprised at many things. I thought I had a general idea of what it was all like, but discovered I had been too particular in forming an opinion. From the time I entered the front door and found myself in the back of the church, I was completely at fault in every way. There was not a seat to be had, although the Crescent Avenue Church holds many hundreds of souls with their accompanying bodies. I had arrived before the service commenced, yet even every private box in the gallery was filled with worshippers, who—unlike those who had got there and been there since 6:30. The audience filling every seat in the church included members of every denomination in the city. Then I remembered the announcement in THE PRESS of the Service of Song, and ceased to wonder at the size and variety of the gathering. I also remembered how much you had said in praise of Mr. Pierson's choir, and prepared to stay and stand up through it all without a regret.

There was not fifty of the five hundred present, that absorbed the music of Mendelssohn's magnificent Oratorio of Elijah, last evening, as a sermon. Four hundred and fifty, at least, came to enjoy and criticize the service merely from a musical standpoint, yet not half that number would have been there if it had cost anything. If I should speak of the affair in a worldly manner, I should say that remembering the almost unsurmountable difficulties of perfect rendition that Oratorio presents to even the best ten-thousand dollar choir in the country, its presentation last evening in the Crescent Avenue Church, was a thorough success. I must be permitted to remark that in some instances it is marvellous how much Mr. Pierson is always able to accomplish. Now last night's music was away over everybody's head, yet we thoroughly enjoyed Mrs. Myer's solo with its organ obligato by Miss Utter. Mr. H. R. May, who is the tenor of the choir of the "Briek Church," on Fifth avenue, New York, sang "If With All Your Hearts," with more expression than I have ever heard given it. He has much improved since he first sang in this city with the Schubert Society of Brooklyn, in 1882. The quartette, "Cast Thy Burden," was sung with such appropriate expression and perfect effect, that the misfortune of "O, Come Every One that Thirsteth," could be forgiven. Of the choruses, "He that Shall Endure" was beautifully given by the full choir, and the finale, "And then Shall Your Light," was, as THE PRESS said last Thursday, "grand." The trio for female voices, without accompaniment, "Lift thine Eyes," was—I heard a number of the church people say—"the best thing our young ladies have ever given us." I remember it sung some time ago as a trio by Mrs. Feininger and two of her pupils, and it was then rendered much less perfect. I was so pleased with it last evening that I asked the organ-blower who were the vocalists. He said only the "reglar" ladies of the choir—Mrs. Myers, Miss Holmes, Miss Demarest, Miss Gilbert, Mrs. Struthers, Miss Augusta Holmes, Miss Dunn and Miss Eleanor Demarest.

They have just the biggest organ and the best organist in town. She's small but how she did play the accompaniment to the last chorus. Then her opening selection was a most auspicious introduction, and Gounod's "Grand March Cortège" as a recessional was almost too beautiful for church—if we are guided by pastors other than Mr. Richards who seem to think the more doleful the music the more righteously joyous the praise. The Oratorio was a sermon from Elijah's life preached in sweet harmony, and the Rev. Mr. Richards' few remarks of the same nature, added emphasis to that lesson. If all pastors preach so short and so strongly, you may expect hereafter to meet among the regular church attendants, your

CITY SAUNTERER.

A Compliment From Abroad.
TO THE DAILY PRESS:—In answer to your inquiry as to the cause of the late heavy decline in the prices of coal, I would say that the steady decrease in prices that have been going on now for the past few weeks, and still continues, is due entirely to the enormous and unprecedented production of nearly eight hundred thousand tons per week, which is considerably more than the markets can take. The mild weather could have nothing whatever to do with the decline in prices in face of such a large tonnage thrown upon the markets. The decline in the price per ton to consumers in Plainfield, however, is due—we learn from many sources—to the efforts and power of the DAILY PRESS.
New York, Dec. 17, '87. * * * & Co.

—The juvenile community will all be amateur firemen on Christmas morning—a vast host company as it were.

Middlesex Gun Club.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex Gun Club was held at Force's Hotel, Saturday evening, Dec. 17th, with a fair attendance.

After calling the meeting to order President Robinson vacated the chair in favor of Treasurer Geo. P. Suydam, who presided during the balance of the meeting, with Councilman G. W. Watson in his place as Secretary.

There was considerable discussion over the adoption of a portion of the minutes relating to the granting of privilege to four members to use the Club's grounds for a private match, said privilege being granted at a previous meeting. The final result was the adoption of the minutes as read.

The Committee appointed to purchase grounds for the Club's use, reported progress.

The name of Charles E. Quad, of East Orange, was proposed as a new member, and the resignation of Mr. Hess, of Roselle, referred to Secretary.

The Committee appointed to adjudicate claim of Club for dead birds in the Cannon-Davis match, reported progress.

The following named were unanimously elected members of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year:

E. M. Robinson, S. G. Smith, Geo. P. Suydam, W. L. Force, M. W. Mulford, F. B. Stevens, A. Worden, J. F. Quimby, Thomas Keller, Jas. H. Force, Andrew Lutkins, John D. Voorhees.

As the fiscal year does not close until Jan. 1st, 1888, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer will be submitted at a meeting to be held before that date.

The new Board of Directors will meet for organization on Jan. 1st, 1888, and select from their number a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The affairs of the Club are in a most prosperous condition.

Reform Club Meeting.

Inclement weather and bad walking did not prevent Reform Hall from being well filled last evening. President French was in his accustomed seat, and so was Musical Director Vanderbeek. The Chairman of the Club, Rev. Mr. Honyman, being unable to attend, the religious exercises were well conducted by Rev. E. M. Rodman, of Grace Episcopal church. Doctor Rodman, who is an ever welcome speaker in Reform Hall, then delivered an exceedingly interesting and instructive address. His theme was the "Home," the love of home, however humble; the advantages of having a home; the peril of being without one; and then showing what alone constituted a freeman, and that servitude to liquor drinking was the worst kind of slavery, the enemy to home happiness and worldly prosperity. After giving touching illustrations of that fact, the Doctor urged all the young men present to set about the work of possessing for themselves the blessings of rightly ordered homes.

The Storm.

There was no mistaking the advent of Winter on Saturday evening, when at six o'clock a severe snow storm set in and continued unabated for several hours. The snow gained rapidly on the ground, and early yesterday morning the snow fall averaged about eight inches. The temperature on Saturday evening grew steadily colder and the mercury fell several degrees. In less than two hours after the storm began sleighs were running on the streets. Yesterday was a delightful day for sleighing and many persons took advantage of it and had their first sleigh ride of the season. The livermen were a broad smile as the dollars rolled into their wallets. Today the streets are again alive with merry sleigh riders.

PARTICULAR MENTION.

Mr. R. O. Elliott, of North Plainfield, recently shot a rabbit at Neshanic, which weighed four pounds when killed and 2½ pounds when dressed.

The many friends of Will Smalley of Craig Place, North Plainfield, were delighted to see him out of doors on Sunday last, after a confinement to the house of ten weeks by illness.

Rev. Dr. Ketcham pastor of the First Presbyterian church, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Schenck of the Trinity Reformed church yesterday morning. Dr. Ketcham was welcomed by an appreciative audience, and his sound, practical discourse was attentively listened to.

—While the show windows in Rand's stationery store were being cleaned this morning, one of the large plate glass windows was broken. There was no insurance.

—Messrs. Jones & Co., on Friday got another horse from the Balcom stock farm at Metuchen, making fourteen horses the owner has lost, by death, within the past few months.

—A resident of Newark claims that on Saturday afternoon he met John Reginald Talbot, alias "Lord Courtenay," near the Astor House, in New York. He says that Talbot was stylishly dressed.

"BETHEL, THE HOUSE OF GOD."

Dedicating the New Bethel Mission—Interesting Exercises—Historical Sketch and Progress of the Work and an Address

by Rev. W. R. Richards.

The dedication exercises formally opening the new Bethel Mission on East Fifth street, took place yesterday afternoon. The weather smiled propitiously for the occasion and everything about the pretty little structure was "neat as wax," so to speak. The entire building was thrown open for the reception of the scholars and friends of the school, and there was a sprinkling of white people in the audience, which numbered several hundred persons. Rev. Mr. Richards, pastor of the Crescent Avenue Church, conducted the services and was assisted by Rev. Dr. Hurlbut, Rev. Messrs. Hillman and Carey of this city, and Rev. Wm. T. Carr of the Shiloh church of New York city. The singing was of a congregational nature, and was led by Mr. Fred. Andrews, in the absence of Mr. Duxbury, the regular precentor. Miss Kate Kimball accompanying on the organ. The service opened with a hymn, "Come Thou almighty King," etc. Rev. Dr. Hurlbut invoked the Divine blessing, and Rev. Mr. Carr read from the Book of Genesis, 28th chapter. After the congregation joined in singing "Sweet Beulah Land," and Mr. Hillman read a portion of Scripture, Mr. S. A. Ginna, Superintendent of the school, then gave a historical sketch of the Bethel Mission from its organization up to the present time.

In substance he said: About six years ago the colored children in the Eastern section of the city began to gather in a private house, and were there taught the word of God; six months later the upper story of a building was leased, and as the attendance was rapidly on the increase, meetings were held in addition to the regular Sunday school session. In the Spring of 1884 the building was sold, and during the Fall of that year the Crescent Avenue Church decided to take up the work; at that time there were five teachers and twenty-one scholars; of the teachers all remain with the exception of one, who was forced to give up active duty on account of moving from the city; the ground on which the present structure was erected was purchased and held for a year; three years ago today services were held in the building for the first time; this was at first considered a doubtful undertaking, but the membership increased until the building was inadequate to meet the demand of the fast growing school. Here the speaker said it was safe to say that not a school in New Jersey had more efficient workers than Bethel Mission; some few were prejudiced against the undertaking at first, but they are now among the staunchest friends of the chapel; the subscriptions by members of Crescent Avenue church and Bethel Mission, thus far, amount to about \$9,000, and the church starts out entirely free from debt; the total cost for furnishing, carpets, etc., the mission will bear, and \$250 of this cost has already been paid in; the Mission is now in a position to do effective work; all the members have come voluntarily; none have been solicited, simply because the room has been limited. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Ginna said addressing the school: "No denominational barriers shall be allowed to interfere with the work; we shall preach Christ before the Creed, and no matter where you belong, all are heartily welcomed here." The building has heretofore been in charge of the Crescent Avenue church session; henceforth it is transferred to the trustees of the mission, to whom the officers of the Mission will make their reports.

A hymn, "Beautiful Zion," followed, and Rev. Mr. Richards read a letter of regret from Rev. T. Logan Murphy, expressing his inability to be present and take part in the exercises. Rev. Mr. Richards said other of the city clergymen would doubtless have been present, had it not been on account of services in their own churches. The reverend gentleman said that according to Mr. Ginna's report, this is the Lord's work, not ours, and that this is not our house, but God's; our success, if any has been attained, is because we have been able to understand God's wishes. Today we are baptizing this church, "Bethel, the House of God," we have dedicated this building and Jesus Christ will dwell in it. His remarks were brief and conveyed a deep meaning into the minds of his hearers; as Mount Vernon is dedicated to the memory of George Washington, the father of this country, now deceased, the speaker said, so is the Bethel Mission dedicated to the memory of Jesus Christ, who has life eternal, and although we cannot see him in person, he is now in our midst and hears the prayers of all; when we enter this building we must remember that God dwells within its walls, and we must conduct ourselves with reverence towards Him at all times. He closed with prayer.

Mr. Ginna announced the evening meeting in the chapel, and requested the members of the school to meet on Thursday evening for the purpose of rehearsing the Christmas music. He said that a beautiful communion set had been presented by Mr. J. Wesley Johnson, and the communion table by Mrs. Penfield; table linen and other necessary articles have been donated, until all the wants were supplied. A hymn entitled, "Crown the Saviour," was sung, and Rev. Dr. Hurlbut dismissed the audience with the benediction.

Bethel Mission starts out under favorable circumstances, and is destined to be of great benefit, especially to the colored people, for whom it was erected. The average attendance at the Sunday school is about 150, although the total number of names enrolled, will exceed that by about fifty. Upwards of thirty of the members are communicants of the Crescent Avenue church, of which the chapel is an auxiliary.

M. E. Church.

A delegation of Unity Lodge, K. of P. was present at the services of this church last evening, upon invitation of the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. B. Van Meter, who delivered an appropriate and highly instructive discourse from Gal—6:2: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." The preacher spoke of Moses as the great law-giver and organizer. Out of a mob or multitude of people, bound down by the bondage of four hundred years, he organized a nation which today are still a distinct people, although scattered all over the earth, held intact by the laws which Moses gave them. Christ was not a law-giver but came to fulfill the law. His life being a practical illustration of its fulfillment and bringing out of the law a grandeur and beauty never before known. The preacher dwelt at length upon the laws or methods of mechanism, of the solar system and other laws, but the law that Christ came to illustrate in His own life, was self-devotion to the welfare of others, which had been the subject of prophecy as recorded in Isaiah 53 chapter, as well as of subsequent history. But what concerns us is—How far can we go in bearing each other's burdens? Often no substitute can be found and we must bear our own burdens, but others may help by sympathy. The law of all organizations is that the distress of one shall be divided among many, illustrating the principle of distribution. The progress in the laws of architecture was then spoken of. First—the principle of two uprights and a cross-piece to bear the weight of a structure; then of the arch system; then the gothic system; then the triangle system; then the swinging system, as in the case of the Brooklyn bridge, the idea of all being the distribution of burden from one point to many. So the idea of distribution or burden bearing is being carried out in social life, the necessities of one are met by the co-operation of the many. Money affords relief in distress but sometimes the hand can do what money cannot do, sometimes the tear can do what the purse cannot do. The preacher spoke of the necessary qualifications of applicants for admission into the ranks of the Knights of the middle ages; they were to be—in every sense of the word—burden bearers, the defenders of all that was good and pure, and the protectors of the defenseless; and as they were such, so should we be.

WESTFIELD WISPS.

The Band of Hope give a fair this afternoon and evening, in Temperance Hall.

Westfield "up head" Collector Pierson paid the county, on Friday last, its full quota of County and State school taxes. He reports the taxes as being paid more promptly than ever before.

The new dwelling houses of Messrs. Sparkman & Seager, Frederick Decker and William Archbold, on the Boulevard, are fast approaching completion. They will be a great improvement and ornament to that portion of our town.

About two weeks ago Mr. M. Weed, who was appointed Principal of our Public School and took charge last September, was compelled by ill-health to resign. Miss Stryker will have charge of the school until after the holiday recess, when a new Principal from Philadelphia will arrive.

A Charming Woman.

Annie Pixley will be the attraction at Music Hall, this evening, appearing in "The Deacon's Daughter." Miss Pixley will be strongly supported and will introduce several new and charming songs and medleys. Annie Pixley was not born in California as is generally supposed, but first saw the light in Brooklyn. At an exceedingly tender age she was transplanted to the Pacific slope. Her school days were spent in a convent in Southern California, and it was while chanting Te Deums and magnificats in the chapel choir that the excellence of her voice was discovered. She sang in concert before she ever thought of adopting the dramatic stage. Miss Pixley's success is fully deserved, and was won only by her perseverance, energy and genuine artistic merit. She is one of the most charming of women, and in private life is dearly beloved by all who are so fortunate as to know her.

DESTRUCTIVE WINDS.

INDIAN TERRITORY VISITED BY A FIERCE CYCLONE.

Fort Washita and Green Wrecked and Almost Destroyed—Many Persons Killed. Horses and Cattle Destroyed.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 19.—A special from Cove, Polk county, reports that a destructive cyclone visited Armstrong Academy, I. T., Fort Washita and Green at an early hour on Saturday morning, causing great destruction of property and loss of life.

The following are the casualties as far as known:

French Adams, United States army, at Washita, killed.

A. B. Lincoln, Washita, killed.

Henderson Jack, Green, killed.

Peter Rosen, Green, killed.

Two children, names unknown, killed.

William Covington, Armstrong Academy, both legs broken.

Henry Wait, Washita, arm and leg broken.

Mrs. Wait, Washita, arm broken.

A terrific rumbling sound was heard about five o'clock. It startled the few settlers from their sleep only to awake them to the horror of impending death.

A heavy black cloud, funnel shaped, was seen in the distance and rapidly approaching. When about a mile north of Fort Washita it struck the ground, and from the point south for miles the work of ruin was continued.

The cyclone traveled at about the rate of a mile a minute. In an instant from the time it struck the earth all the houses in Fort Washita were in ruins. Light out-houses and dwellings were picked up and made into kindling wood by the fury of the wind.

Armstrong academy was not greatly injured, but ranches in the immediate neighborhood suffered greatly.

At Green, a little hamlet six miles south of Armstrong, the damage was very heavy and many persons were injured. Seventeen houses and a general store were carried away bodily, while horses and cattle within the territory covered by the storm king were killed or maimed.

The damage at this time, cannot, of course, be estimated, as the full extent of the storm is not known.

The two children killed at Green were carried about sixty yards by the wind and dashed to the ground, mangled so as to be almost unrecognizable.

Many cattle and other stock were also killed by lightning. The storm only lasted about six minutes at any one point.

ROBERT GARRETT'S GAS STOCK

An Interesting Suit Arising Out of an Unfinished Deal.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 19.—While the lives of Robert Garrett, of Baltimore, and Ohio was in progress, Robert Garrett conceived the brilliant idea of obtaining control of the gas companies in this city. With this end in view he formed a combination with E. C. Benedict, of New York, the president of Chesapeake gas company.

The arrangement was that Garrett should buy up consolidated stock, and when he obtained a majority of the stock turn it over to Benedict, who pledged himself to accept it providing a controlling interest was obtained. Garrett bought right and left at top figures, and delivered them as was agreed.

Now he claims that Benedict has played him false, and files suit in the circuit court against E. C. Benedict, of New York, and Henry Fitzhugh, both of New York. He claims that they hold 2,000 shares in trust for him, which they decline to surrender, and that the stock has been placed in the hands of Mr. Fitzhugh without Mr. Garrett's consent.

The bill prays for the constructions of the agreement, a declaration that the trust is ended and that the stock be brought into court; and for an injunction to prevent Mr. Fitzhugh transferring or voting it and that the company may not be allowed to transfer or vote it.

An injunction was ordered, a bond of \$5,000 having been given by Mr. Frick and Mr. T. Harrison Garrett.

DEATH'S BRIDGE.

Eight Men Killed by An Engine's Fall From a Bridge.

BATHURST, N. B., Dec. 19.—A terrible accident occurred Saturday afternoon near Caracquette Station, on the northern division of the Intercolonial railroad. While the train, which left Caracquette at 2 p. m., for Gloucester Junction, in charge of Conductor Daniel Kearney and Driver Michael Lanigan, was near McKintock's Cove bridge, six miles west of Caracquette, the train met with heavy drifts of snow on the west side of the bridge. The train consisted of one passenger car, an engine and a snow plow. Eight section men were aboard for the purpose of assisting in clearing the road of the snow which fell in Friday's storm.

The passenger car was left on the east side of the bridge. The section men, the conductor, Brackenham, a young man named Frank M. Her, Driver Lanigan and Fireman Boucher, thirteen persons in all, were on the engine.

They then started, but when they got on the bridge the plow and engine left the track and fell into the river.

Only five men could be found. The rest, eight in number, were planned down under the engine, which was lying bottom up in the river. The train was running slowly at the time, as they had plenty of time when the got over the bridge to get a run at the bridge.

Mr. Litchman Schooled to Patience.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—In reference to the report that criminal proceedings would probably be the outcome of the present meeting of the general executive board of the Knights of Labor in this city in regard to the expenditures as reported by General Secretary Charles H. Litchman, that officer said today: "I have been the victim of an erroneous amount of misunderstanding and vindictive attack since my connection with the Knights of Labor. I have become schooled to patience. This new endeavor to bring me into disrepute with the order and without outside friends will not be successful. If the board should deem it fitting to demand an explanation from me I can assure you that my vindication will be complete. I have not the slightest fear but what my acts will bear the light of the strongest criticism." It was stated that the secretary's printing bill alone for the year was \$40,000.

Oyster Dealers Swindled.

SURATON, Dec. 19.—Dale & Cox, who opened an office here about a month ago for the sale of oysters at wholesale, have disappeared after swindling oyster dealers in many places in the south as well as in Philadelphia for large amounts. The losers and filled the orders of Dale & Cox in the belief that they were Dale & Co., the widely known commission house.

More "White Cap" Outrages.

ENGLISH, Ind., Dec. 19.—The "White Caps" made another raid last night. They whipped two men and one woman eight miles east of this place.

Distinguished Hibernians.

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MARINE DISASTERS.

A Number of Vessels Wrecked—The Captain of One Vessel Drowned.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 19.—The schooner John James, 51 tons, hence Dec. 16, for Steuben, sprung a leak last night and was abandoned near Halfway Rock. The crew arrived here to-day.

New HAVEN, Dec. 19.—The brig in collision with the steamer Rhode Is and off Bridgeport last night was the English brig Adria, from New York for Halifax. The Adria had her jibboom and port shrouds carried away. She came in here to repair.

SACO, Me., Dec. 19.—The schooner Ada May, bound for Portsmouth to Portland, is high and dry on the beach in front of the Cleaves house, at Old Orchard. She had lost both anchors and was driven by the storm yesterday afternoon. She had no cargo. The crew of six men are safe.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec. 19.—The barge Robena, from New York to Boston, dragged her anchors in this harbor Saturday evening during the easterly gale and went ashore on West Chop, but was floated by the storm King, and towed to Head Harbor, leaving. Soon after the Robena struck, the captain and crew took the boat, which was capsized, and the captain, N. P. Fullberg, of Baltimore, was drowned.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 19.—The northeast gale on Saturday night was the worst of the season. The wind shifted yesterday to southeast southwest, and last night it was northwest, blowing heavily, with snow squalls. No wrecking have been reported along Cape Cod yesterday.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 19.—The United States steam lighthouse tender Myrtle, from New York to Provincetown, struck a rock at a mile southwest of Plymouth light, at 5:30 p. m. Saturday. Capt. Holmes and the gunner left-saving crew went for assistance, and at 12:30 a. m. yesterday got her out of a position that might have been dangerous had she remained an hour longer. The Myrtle is now anchored safely in the harbor, having sustained no damage.

Saco's Young Bank Defaulter.

SACO, Me., Dec. 19.—The rumor current here Saturday that Frank M. McNeally, the clerk in the Saco and Biddeford savings institution, who a second last August with about \$25,000 in cash and securities, is sick and penniless, and has made a proposition to the bank to return the bonds, if thereby he can escape prosecution, is denied. Interviews have been had with officers of the bank, but none of them will divulge a single thing, though they practically admit that there is something in the wind. It has been known here for several weeks that McNeally was in England, and there are good reasons for believing that the bank has received, directly or indirectly, communications from him, and that he is endeavoring to negotiate for the return of the stolen securities. It is also learned from good authority that the defaulter is now en route for Halifax from Liverpool and will arrive in a few days. His brother Harry left here for Halifax on Thursday night.

The Gang Makes Another Haul.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The gang of burglars made another haul Saturday night. A visit was paid to Newton, and the residence of John C. Farlow of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad was entered. An entrance was effected through the dining room window, and one of the gang went into Mr. Farlow's room, secured a bunch of keys, and with them opened a safe in the dining room. The burglars secured over \$2,000 worth of jewelry, including a cluster diamond pin valued at \$1,300. Mrs. Farlow awoke and discovered the burglars, but before the inmates of the house were awakened the burglars made good their escape. Less than two years ago Mr. Farlow's house was visited by burglars, who succeeded in getting away with \$3,000 of booty.

Not a Golden Field for Baseball Men.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The expectations of some of the baseball players who came from the east to make money during the winter season have not been realized, and it is now rumored that a number of them, led by the Philadelphia nine, will soon return home. Manager Hart has thirty-five high-priced men, and has only two games are played a week and the gate receipts for each average only \$400 or \$500, there is a considerable deficit. It is in contemplation by Mr. Hart to organize a nine from those players who wish to enjoy the benefits of this climate, who will play all comers. A meeting of the baseball brotherhood was held last night, at which President Ward announced that new contracts had arrived from the east, and explained provisions.

Ravages of Diphtheria.

ALBANY, Dec. 19.—Diphtheria has been doing deadly work in Schoharie and vicinity recently, there having been twenty-eight cases. In one family four deaths occurred. Most of the fatal cases were among young children, but three persons between the ages of 16 and 30 years have fallen victims to the disease. A careful inquiry into the cause of the disease fails to elicit satisfactory responses. Its ravages have been in the lowlands and on the lowlands, in the villages and on the farms on the hills. Public schools and Sunday schools have been closed for some time. It is now thought that the danger is past and the disease abating.

Morphine for Quinine.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 19.—John N. Wonder, a car inspector of the Pennsylvania railroad at Columbia, died suddenly last Saturday from a supposed affection of the heart. The physician of the railroad relief department became suspicious of the cause of death, and made an examination resulting in showing that a package labeled quinine, the contents of which Wonder had taken, really contained morphine. Judge Livingston has ordered to be examined, and Dr. C. T. Markel, druggist, from whom the drug was purchased, and Frank R. Redenbaugh, his clerk, have been arrested charged with causing Wonder's death.

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AUSTRIA WILL KEEP PACE WITH RUSSIA'S MOVEMENTS.

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VIENNA, Dec. 19.—The military council in this city Saturday was presided over by Emperor Francis Joseph. Previous to, and after the council the Herr von Tisa had a conference with Count Kalnoky. The council resolved that the unexpended portion of the 22,000,000 florins voted last spring shall be applied to the purchase of equipment and construction of huts for troops in Galicia.

No increase of the forces now in Galicia has yet been decided upon, and if there is no further augmentation of Russian troops on the frontier, Austria will adhere to the policy of observation. Another military council has been summoned for to-day.

It is semi-officially announced that the cabinet shares in the belief that good relations with Russia will be maintained. No difference exists except with respect to Bulgaria. Austria is ready to assist in a pacific solution of the problem, but the announcement in the *London House* that Russia projects a whole series of military measures, of which this recent increase of forces in Poland is only a part, enjoin increased military vigilance. Austria must keep pace with Russian plans. Count von Tisa and Count von Tisa agree that the summing up of the delegations in the meantime would be inopportune.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The *National Zeitung* says that General von Schwanitz, the German ambassador to Russia, returns to St. Petersburg with conciliatory instructions. Prince Bismarck counsels Austria, while strengthening her military position, to avoid giving provocation to Russia.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19.—Russia's endeavors to raise a loan here and in Amsterdam have failed.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Vienna correspondent of the *Daily News* says: "Austria and Germany are reacting like one nation in regard to the war scare. Austria takes no step without Germany's approval."

COERCION TO BE PREPARED. O'Brien Must Change Tone or He Will Serve Another Term.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The government, as the result of Saturday's discussion of Irish matters in the cabinet council, is determined to prosecute the editor or publisher of every newspaper publishing reports of meetings of league branches whose suppression has been proclaimed, and it is asserted that Mr. O'Brien will be arrested the moment his present term expires, unless his paper *United Ireland*, ceases in the meantime its persistent repetition of the offense for which its editor was indicted and jailed.

It is probable that the present week will witness a vigorous enforcement of the Crimes act in Ireland, in pursuance of instructions issued yesterday and dispatched post haste to Dublin castle.

Premier Tirard to Workingmen.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Premier Tirard, in distributing the rewards of the syndical chambers of industry and building, said that work was the great foundation of modern society, and the government was prepared to encourage private initiative, and as far as possible, to give work to those who sought it. He added that the great public works carried out in recent years had somewhat disturbed the finances of the country, but they were indispensable in order to combat foreign competition.

The Pope and Irish Affairs.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Speaking of the rumored interference of the Pope in Irish affairs, Mr. Dillon said last evening that while he deeply revered the authority of the Pope in matters of faith, he would as soon think of submitting to the Sultan of Turkey as to him in matters politically.

Parle in a Theatre.

VIENNA, Dec. 19.—During a performance of Strauss's opera "Simplicious" Saturday evening a terrible panic was caused by a false alarm of fire. The audience rushed to the staircases and caused a terrific crush. Order was not restored until ten minutes had elapsed.

Riotous Workingmen in Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 19.—Serious disturbances have occurred in Catalonia, requiring the presence of troops to preserve order. The trouble originated in the closing of factories caused by the depression of trade.

Converted to Home Rule.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Sir T. F. Grove, member of parliament for the Wilton division of Wiltshire, who was elected as a unionist-liberal, has become a Gladstonian.

Fighting in Syria.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—The *Official Messenger* says there has been a conflict in Syria between Bedouins and Druses, in which the latter had 160 killed and 300 wounded.

Anxiety About Stanley.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19.—The absence of intelligence from Stanley in the mails received from the Congo yesterday gives grave cause of alarm for his safety.

Bequest of a French Spoilation Claim.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The will of Mrs. Gloria Fort was admitted to probate yesterday and is as follows: "If I receive the money due me from the United States government for a French spoilation claim, I give and bequeath the same to my daughter duri g her life and on her death the same shall go to the poor widows of St. Andrews's church, Eighth st. above Spruce st., the money to be held by the church and dispensed by the rector."

Dr. Fulton Modifies His Book.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The controversy between Rev. Dr. Fulton and Rand, Avery & Co., regarding the publishing of the reverend gentleman's book has been settled after correspondence between parties interested. Dr. Fulton will modify the passages in his work which were objectionable and the firm will go on with the manufacture of the book.

Urging Co-operation.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 19.—The striking flint glass workers are in constant receipt of letters from all parts of the country offering land and capital for the establishment of co-operative factories. A letter from Stoneboro, Penn., to-day, offered seven acres of land and \$12,000 in cash.

Fearing a Fall in Prices of Coke.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 19.—It is believed that if the new coke syndicate is not formed, cutting of rates will begin next month. At present the great demand stands against prices.

HARVESTING "THE WEED."

Pennsylvania Farmers Exultant Over Their Year's Tobacco Crop.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 19.—Since the tobacco crop was put into barns and sheds last September, the grower has been anxious for damp weather, so that the hand sprinker and steam need not be employed to prepare the weed for stripping. These means are not satisfactory, as the necessary degree of dampness cannot be obtained, and the process is slow and requires a great deal of extra labor. The fog and rain of the past few days were exceptional for this time of year and have put the crop in excellent shape.

Thousands of men, women and children are now busy stripping and the great staple will be ready for the market earlier than usual. There is much rejoicing in consequence throughout this county, which is the first agricultural district among all the agricultural districts of the United States, the rich Monroe county, of New York, ranking second. The total value of the annual products of Lancaster county is \$10,000,000, one-fifth of which comes from the tobacco crop. The average yield for the past seven years is 14,367,567 pounds. In no one year since 1870 has a crop of less than 10,000,000 pounds been gathered. The largest crop of tobacco ever raised in any county in the United States was grown in this county in 1870, and weighed 18,000,000 pounds.

Although the average has decreased somewhat since 1870, this year's crop will not fall much below that yield, the favorable weather having brought it to maturity. Havana seed lost in favor a year ago, and the consequence is that more seed leaf was farmed. No sales of the latter grade have been reported this season, but buyers have purchased largely of the Havana goods, paying in some few cases as high as thirty cents per pound for wrappers. The crop has cured well, is not perforated by worms and insects and is of fine texture and flavor.

This city is the centre of the Pennsylvania trade and, next to New York, is the largest seed leaf tobacco market in the country. Here are located one-half of the two hundred large warehouses in the county, and during the season of delivery, which begins after the holidays, the avenues are blockaded with teams. On some days the receivers pay to the farmers, in checks, from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The total yield of tobacco in Lancaster county since 1860 was 200,000,000 pounds, and this added \$30,000,000 to the wealth of the district. This year's crop will increase the total about \$2,000,000 more, and among those who will receive a goodly portion of it are Gen. Simon Cameron, Senator J. Donald Cameron, whose broad acres are in the Donagals; Col. James Duffy and Bernard J. McGrann, the defeated candidate for state treasurer.

Risking Death to Escape the Flagship.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Several days ago a sailor who was imprisoned on the English flagship, *Triumph*, now lying in San Francisco Bay, jumped through a porthole and swam ashore, a distance of several miles. He was pursued, but a strong gale was blowing, and darkness coming on he reached the wharves, where he would have perished from exhaustion but for a watchman, who dragged him to land. His example has been followed by other sailors on the *Triumph*. Henry Ryder and John Stanley jumped from the *Triumph* and swam against the outgoing tide for four hours and were found unconscious on the surface of the water by fishermen four miles down the bay from the *Triumph's* anchorage. When able to walk they made their way to a sailors' boarding-house, and will be shipped on a merchant vessel, sailors being in great demand here.

Exonerating a Pastor.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 19.—With regard to the recent scandal about the Rev. George H. Tilton of Rehoboth, which has stirred up the town and which consisted of certain statements made by Mrs. Lillie Carpenter and her husband to the effect that the minister had made insulting remarks to her and connecting his name with another woman, friends of the pastor have now come forward with affidavits to relieve the pastor of the reflections. The report of the investigating committee exonerates the Rev. Mr. Tilton of all charges, and in an affidavit Mrs. Carpenter states that she and her husband withdrew all their past utterances.

Ex-Public Printer Rounds Dead.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 19.—S. P. Rounds, editor and principal proprietor of the *Omaha Republican*, died at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening at his residence in this city, of pneumonia, after an illness of ten days. Mr. Rounds had been a resident of Omaha a little over a year. He came here from Washington after resigning the position of public printer which he held for four years. For many years before going to Washington he was proprietor of a printer's supply house in Chicago. Mr. Rounds was well known all over this country.

Finding a Counterfeiter's Den.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 19.—This town has lately been flooded with counterfeit coins, but all efforts to unearth the counterfeiters failed until yesterday, when a den was discovered on an island in the Arkansas River, and a large quantity of spurious dollars and other coins were found, together with dies and other apparatus for making them. Two men were in the den at the time, but they eluded the officers.

Nina Shows Signs of Insanity.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—In a letter to the *Labor Inquirer* Nina Spies refers to an alleged dinner, which was had the evening after the anarchists' execution, at which, she says, the advisability of hanging herself and Mrs. Parsons was discussed by the men whom she styles "the citizens' association's tools." She says that the dinner cost \$29.

Failure of Stone Contractors.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 19.—The firm of James Andrews & Son Stone contractors and owners of the large granite quarries about two miles from this city, have gone into insolvency. The firm for a year or more have been engaged in contracts involving hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A Young Incendiary.

SCRANTON, Dec. 19.—Llewellyn Deane, age nine, has been held for trial on a charge of setting fire to the barn at the Briggs shaft, a loss of \$10,000 having been caused. He had been reprimanded by the foreman, and in revenge fired the structure.

Pensions for Confederate Soldiers.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 19.—Both branches of the legislature have passed a bill pensioning all disabled soldiers in this state who fought in the army and navy of the confederacy. It will cost \$50,000 annually.

Burned to Death.

HAMBURG, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The home of an aged couple named Bauer took fire early this morning. They were too old and feeble to escape and both perished.

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Leave New York from foot of Liberty Street, 4.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.30, 9.00, 10.15, 11.00 a. m., 1.00, 1.30, 2.15, 3.30, 3.45, 4.00, 4.30, 5.00, 5.15, 5.30, 5.43, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.15, 9.30, 11.30, 12.00 p. m. Sunday—4.00, 8.45, 9.00 a. m., 12.00, m., 1.30, 4.00, 5.30, 6.30, 9.30, 12.00 p. m.

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Leave Plainfield 5.43, 6.29, 6.59, 7.29, 7.58, 8.40, 9.52, 10.37, 11.08, a. m., 12.33, 1.21, 2.25, 2.54, 3.51, 5.25, 5.55, 6.55, 7.03, 8.29, 9.15, 11.23, p. m. Sunday—8.57, 10.33, 11.32, a. m., 1.27, 3.30, 5.16, 7.29, 9.23 p. m.

Leave Newark—6.29, 7.05, 8.35, 9.05, 10.35, 11.00, a. m., 1.05, 1.35, 2.35, 3.40, 4.00, 4.35, 5.05, 5.35, 5.54, 6.29, 7.10, 7.35, 8.20, 9.50, 11.15 p. m. Sunday—8.50, a. m., 12.20, 1.45, 4.10, 5.35, 9.15, p. m.

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Leave Plainfield 5.10, 8.05, 9.21, 11.30, 11.44, a. m. 2.02, 3.30, 4.34, 5.16, 5.31, 6.02, 6.38, 6.58, 7.39, 8.08, 8.17, 9.29, 10.45, 12.43, p. m. Sunday—5.10, 11.44, a. m., 2.45, 5.14, 6.34, 10.45, p. m.

Leave Somerville 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.35, 7.50, 8.15, 9.10, 10.15, a. m., 12.55, 2.00, 9.25, 5.00, 5.40, 8.15, 8.40, 11.00, p. m. Sunday—8.30, 11.05, a. m., 1.00, 4.50, 7.00, 8.50, p. m.

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Leave Easton 6.55, 8.57, a. m., 12.40, 4.15, 7.00, p. m. Sunday—7.15, a. m., 7.00, p. m.

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Leave Plainfield 5.10, a. m.—For Easton, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg and Mauch Chunk, connecting at High Bridge for Schuylers Mountain, etc. Sundays, to Easton.

8.05, a. m.—For Flemington, Easton, Wind Gap, and Mauch Chunk.

9.21, a. m.—For Flemington, High Bridge Branch, Easton, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Mauch Chunk, Williamsport, Tamuqua, Nanticoke, Upper Lehigh, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.

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4.34, p. m.—For Easton, Wind Gap, Mauch Chunk, Tamuqua, Shamokin, Drifton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.

5.02 and 5.16, p. m.—For Flemington, High Bridge Branch, Schuylers Mountain, Easton, Reading, Harrisburg, &c.

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Leave Trenton, Warren and Tucker streets, 1.25, 8.00, 9.10, 10.10, 11.35, a. m., 1.54, 4.15, 5.50, 7.25, p. m. Sunday—1.25, 9.18, 9.40, a. m., 6.15, p. m.

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To the south that come and go,
Far over head, far over head,
Above the winds that blow.
Like a wedge-shaped airy legion
Swift are they sailing by,
To a far-off Summer region,
To a sunny sky.
And ever the air is noisy
With their clanging cry.
Born upon tireless pinions,
Downward from the brador,
They seek their fair dominions
By many a Southern shore,
Fleeing from the ice-king,
The winter's drift and roar,
To the swamps of Louisiana,
To Florida's lagoons,
Where Nature's gorgeous banner
Waves in perpetual June,
Cavard with flight and song,
Voicing their stirring tune.
And my spirit joins them, sailing
Down to a Summer sky,
My voice blends with their hailing,
Their cheery, clanging cry.
As the continent spreads beneath us,
As a hemisphere rolls by,
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BARNUM'S MUSEUM.

Strange Sights Seen at the Big Blaze in July, 1895.

The burning of Barnum's winter quarters in Bridgeport recalls to all who remember it the excitement over the burning, in mid-day and in the heart of the business portion of New York, of the original Barnum's Museum, on July 13, 1893.

There were present there, says the New York Tribune, all the circumstances that could contribute to a sensational conflagration—the museum crowded with visitors and employees, not only of the "moral show," but also of the theater, which Mr. Barnum euphemistically called "the lecture room;" the multitude of animals, great and small, wild and tame, harmless and venomous or carnivorous, the possible escape of which kept all the spectators on the qui vive; the proximity of important buildings endangered by the fire, as St. Paul's Church and the Astor House, from the windows of which "Fighting Joe Hooker," fresh from the field of battle, viewed the fire; the exciting and demonstrative methods of the old fire department, for which the subjugation of this fire was one of the last conspicuous triumphs; and the stoppage of all traffic on the busiest thoroughfare on the continent.

The interest in the fire for the surging crowd that gathered was constantly whetted by incident after incident, and by the appearance one after another of the familiar "freaks" of the great Barnum collection. At no time was the excitement greater than when Anna Swan, the giantess, with the fat lady on one arm, and the long-haired, pink-eyed albino on the other, pressed through the multitude and sought safety and seclusion from a non-paying audience in a Fulton street hotel. After them fled the ballet girls, partly ready for rehearsal of the new "transformation" extravaganza.

Harrison, the ventriloquist who improvised impromptu verses on the people in the lecture room, told how the proprietors of a basement billiard room objected to having the wax "figures"—which seemed to be the concern of nearly all who tried to save any thing—dragged through their place, not knowing there was a fire. The intrepid fireman who lowered from a window the edge of "Jeff" Davis in petticoats was hoisted for his pains by the crowd. When Daniel Lambert's bulky form was hoisted down, his waxen form dripping with fire-born perspiration, all hands were raised to assist what was taken to be the fat woman.

The street gamins were facetious over what was supposed to be going on within the burning building, and called loudly for "boiled whale," "fried snakes," "broiled monkey," "roast elephant" and other delicacies of the occasion. "Pitch me out the tea constrictor," shouted one, "I want it for a tipster." "How are you, Learned Seal?" heartily called another. But "No!" who had delighted many by his intelligent tricks, was safe enough. He and the brown bear, who was said to have clambered down the fire-escape, were the only animals saved alive. "Samson," the man-killing grizzly, had been removed from the museum before the fire.

The whistle of the then new steam fire engine attracted much attention, but before it reached where the noise came from it was thought to be the elephant, escaped and rumbling on the street, and there was a general dash for the railings of St. Paul's church-yard. The escape of St. Paul's was at one time in danger, and George Washington's billiard-table—the same, probably, over which he uttered what a local comic paper recently quoted as his only precaution: "I don't play any thing like the game I used to"—was destroyed in a billiard saloon heated for the fire. Business was deserted and the stores within a long radius from Broadway and Ann streets were closed, partly against thieves and partly that the proprietors might see the fire. A few days after the burning Mr. Hurd, Mr. Barnum's son-in-law and partner, recovered from his safe \$500,000 in Government bonds.

The peculiar circumstances of this fire—the interesting living contents of the building, and speculation as to what all the animals would do when they got loose—offered a temptation to the descriptive writers of the press too strong to resist. Imaginative accounts of the occurrences on the mezzanine floor were deftly woven into most of the local stories of the fire, and most of them were generally regarded as what might have happened, or at least as having been "true in the time of them." Among these, a fanciful narrative printed in the Tribune and written by Nathan D. Urner was widely copied in the press of that day, and has been numbered since among the newspaper classics.

Attracted by the howls from the third floor of the museum, where the animals were kept, he repaired to his room at Broadway and Ann streets, opposite Barnum's, where he ensconced himself behind a protecting bulwark of mattresses, leaving a peep hole at the top through which he had an unobstructed view of all that occurred among the howling beasts across the way.

"With a simultaneous bound," he wrote, "the lion and his mate sprang against the bars of their cage, which gave way and came down with a great crash, releasing the beasts which for a moment, apparently amazed at their sudden liberty, stood in the middle of the floor lashing their sides with their tails and roaring dolefully." Other beasts of the desert being in various ways released, "a horrible scene in the right hand corner of the room, a yell of indescribable agony, and a crashing, grating sound indicated that the polar bear and the tiger were added to the maddened throng, when the flames and smoke momentarily rolled back, and for a few seconds the interior of the room was visible in the lurid light of the flames, which revealed the lion and tiger locked together in close combat."

The monkey perched, terror-stricken, on the window ledge, the snakes writhed

and hissing every hair on the cat's body, "the seditious adder was slowly burning in two, and busily engaged in impregnating his organic system with his own venom," and, just then, the fire burst out the bottom of the "Happy Family" cage, precipitating the entire connection into its future home. The whales and alligators were suffering dreadful torments. The water in which they swam was literally boiling, and, at last, happily for them, the tank burst and they rolled out on the floor, to die, gasping, or to meet other speedy ends. "The remaining alligator became involved in a controversy with an anaconda, and joined the melee in the center of the flaming apartment."

The tropical birds, cockatoos, mockingbirds, humming-birds, etc., mercifully released when the fire broke out, escaped to the open air, and caused great excitement in the crowd, as they took wing. "There were confined in the same room a few serpents, which also obtained their liberty; and, soon after the rising and devouring flames began to envelop the entire building, a splendid and emblematic sight was presented to the wondering and up-gazing throng. Bursting through the central casement, with flapping wings and hissing coils, appeared an eagle and a serpent wreathed in fight. For a moment they hung poised in mid-air, presenting a novel and terrible conflict. It was the earth and air (or their respective representatives) at war for mastery; the base and the lofty, the groveler and the soarer were engaged in deadly battle. At length, the flat head of the serpent sank, his writhing, sinuous form grew still, and, wafted upward by the cheers of the gazing multitude, the eagle, with a scream of triumph, and bearing his prey in his iron talons, soared toward the sun."

The tendency on the part of the firemen to save the wax figures gave occasion for a picture of the "Dying Brigand" throttled and tucked under the arm of red-shirted "Mose," liberties taken with the "fearful 'Senorita' who has so long knelt and so constantly wagged her doll's head at his side." Franklin Pierce and Buchanan seized by the coat collars and made up into a bundle along with the Prince Imperial of France and the "Veiled Murderess;" Tom Thumb torn asunder by two competing boys; Patrick Henry with his teeth knocked out; George Washington twisted by the heat until his head lay in the lap of Moll Pitcher; James Madison executing a Dutch polka with Madame Roland on one arm and Lucresia Borgia on the other; and P. T. Barnum, disgusted with the whole affair, falling at full length and melting away, glad to see no more.

The snakes were represented as escaping from the building and through the terrified crowd, "several of the copperhead species, escaping the fury of the tumultuous masses and, true to their instincts, seeking shelter in the World and War offices; the black bear wandered down to Wall street and caused a heavy fall in stocks until carelessly operating for a fall he tumbled down the Custom-House steps, when shares advanced again and the bulls triumphed once more. "After the fire several high-art pictures groping among the ruins found choice morsels of boiled whale, roasted kangaroo and fried crocodile. * * * Probably the recherche epicures will declare that the only true way to prepare those meats is to cook them in a museum wrapped in flames, in the same manner that the Chinese, according to Charles Lamb, first discovered roast pig in a burning house, and ever afterward set a house on fire with a pig inside when they wanted that particular food."

GOOD NEWS FOR GIRLS.

Gum-Chewing Elevated to the Level of an Accomplishment.

The devotion of the American girl for gum has been remarked for a long time, but the New York Sun, but the habit of gum-chewing has remained until the present season in all its pristine simplicity. The gum has been bought in small quantities at the druggist's or the confectioner's and has been masticated with due frankness. At last some enterprising genius with an artistic temperament has come to the relief of the girls who are addicted to the habit, and by one great stroke has elevated it to the level of an accomplishment. He has done this by what is called a "gum-board." The girls decorate the sides of the frame, pin silk ribbons upon the corners, hang it upon the walls of their chambers, and in some cases have even gone so far as to issue orders for special gum-boards to be made that in color and form shall harmonize with the furniture in their apartments. Heretofore the discoverer of a particularly choice morsel of nutmeg fruit or spruce has been obliged, when occasion demanded the relinquishment of the chew, to stick it upon the mantel-piece, or upon the window frame, or, when retiring, upon the bed-post. The objections to this method of preserving the morsel are apparent and well known to all who have tried it; if placed upon the bed-post or window frame it is liable, upon being taken off again to resume the mastication, to carry some flavor of paint with it during the first few chews. This of course, is disagreeable in itself, and more so because it detracts from the esthetic enjoyment of the gum. On the other hand, if the gum is placed on the marble mantel, it is liable to take up with it, when removed, some of the dust that inevitably lingers upon any piece of furniture, in spite of the most careful attention of the housemaid.

The gum-board is designed to overcome all these disagreeable features of the preservation of the chew. It is made of highly-polished slate and is surrounded by a frame which makes the board itself set in about an inch or a little more from the level of the frame. There is a nice glass door on hinges that shuts in upon the gum-board, thus protecting it from dust. When the girl, then, has chewed a sufficiently long time upon her gum or is interrupted in the process of her esthetic enjoyment by callers and is under the necessity, therefore, of using her teeth and tongue for conversational purposes, she simply opens this glass door, presses the gum upon the polished slate, closes the door, and leaves it, confident that when she wishes to return to her delectable pleasure the morsel can be taken up free from any heterogeneous matter.

Snakes in His Foot.

A young man named Conrad Dierck had been working for Frank Kennedy, a farmer at West Flatbush, L. I., during the summer, and was accustomed to go barefooted while picking up potatoes and other truck. Some few weeks ago a swelling appeared at the bottom of his foot, causing him considerable pain, and one morning recently this lump burst and three small snakes wriggled out of it on the bed-clothes. This singular occurrence may have been caused through the snake eggs becoming secreted in a skin crack on the foot and therein germinating.

Hiccoughed for Nine Days.

Dr. J. J. Dunlop, a venerable physician of Waterford, N. Y., is now recovering from an attack of hiccoughs that caused him terrible suffering for nine days. He had no relief from the complaint except while he slept. As soon as he awoke the hiccough would again attack him and continue until he slept. For a few days his life was despaired of, and he gradually grew weaker until last Saturday, when the distressing malady left him.

HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES.

A little salt and copperas water should be added to the whitewash with which the cellar is periodically coated.

Beer that is thought to be tough may be made tender by brushing over with vinegar or salad oil, several hours before cooking.

An excellent remedy for a cough is the juice of a roasted lemon upon some powdered sugar. Take a tablespoonful when troubled.

Salt fish should never be laid in soak with the skin side down, as the salt will settle on the inside and not be allowed to pass out.

A careful housekeeper says that boiling water should be immediately poured upon table linen that has received the contents of a fruit dish.

Milk Frosting.—Ten tablespoonfuls sweet milk, one and a half cups of sugar; let boil six minutes; take off and stir until quite white; put in a lemon; spread quickly before getting too hard, wetting the knife in cold water.

Ham Croquettes.—Chop the ham very fine and season with pepper or mustard. With a little flour in hand, make up small balls and dip in beaten eggs, roll in crumbs of bread or cracker, and fry a light brown in hot lard.

Jellies.—Chamberlains.—Put three pints of cranberries into a stew pan, and on top of them put three cups of granulated sugar and three gills of water. After they begin to boil, cook them ten minutes, keeping closely covered and not stirring them. Remove the scum. They will jelly when cold and the skins will be soft and tender.

A good oyster sauce is made by simmering a pint of good-sized oysters in some of their own liquor, with a pinch of mace and nutmeg, in a covered saucepan for ten minutes. Then drain and pour into a sauce-boat in which has been prepared some melted butter and oyster liquor mixed. Boiled and chopped celery may be added. This is a good poultry or fish sauce.

Lame Fatties.—Trim cold roast lamb free from the bone and cut it very fine. To one pound of this add half a scant teaspoonful of salt, a dash of pepper (red and black mixed) and the yells of two eggs. Bind together, and shape the mixture into small, thin cakes; dip them in beaten egg; then in cracker crumbs repeat the process, and drop them in very hot fat. Serve with tomato sauce.

Muslin and laces should be carefully stretched and pulled, ironed, and then pulled in shape; all the edges or purging should be picked and arranged to look as before washing. This occupies a considerable portion of time, but is essential to a finished appearance of the clothes to be ironed. As far as possible iron by the thread, pull the material straight, and move the iron in the direction of the thread of the cloth.

Meat.—Four pounds of beef boiled, two pounds of apples and one pound of suet chopped fine, two pounds of stoned raisins, two pounds of currants, a quarter of a pound of citron, a teaspoonful each of cloves, cinnamon and mace, a quart of molasses and half a pound of brown sugar. Moisten with boiled cider, a teaspoonful to each pie.

One source of trouble in ironing shirts is the use of too hot irons. A moderate iron and hard rubbing produce the gloss. For one bosom take a large teaspoonful of good starch and dissolve it in a cupful of cold water; when it is dissolved, starch the bosom, being careful to get it all wet through. Have ready a bowl of clear water nearly boiling hot, and dip the bosom into it; wring out quickly and shake; pull the bosom into shape, fold it up smoothly and put by for half an hour.

Apple Custard.—Take a couple of the largest apples, peel, core, slice, put over a slow fire or close stove in an enameled or bright saucepan, with about as much water as for apple-sauce. Beat up with a fork (not steel) till quite smooth, and add lump sugar to taste. Either boil a strip of lemon peel with the apple and then take it out, or add two drops of essence of lemon. Now put the saucepan off the stove to cool and beat one egg. By the time that is done the apple will be sufficiently cool. Stir the beaten egg little by little into the mixture (with the two drops of essence of lemon if required) and see that it is thoroughly incorporated. Turn into a little mold or glass dish.

POINTS FOR MECHANICS.

An instance is given in which the saw-dust from oil-soaked wood developed, within twenty-four hours' time, spontaneous combustion, and after being apparently extinguished by water, was found to be still burning.

According to a recent decision of the Illinois Supreme Court, when a mechanic is laboring for an employer in the construction of a machine, and invents an improvement, the invention is the property of the inventor and not of the employer, unless the inventor be specially employed for his inventive ability.

Eleven different colors may be communicated to well-cleaned copper, and eight to nickel-plated objects, by means of the following bath:—Acetate of lead, 30 grains; hyposulphite of soda, 600 grains; water 1 quart. After the salts are dissolved, the solution is heated to ebullition, and the metal is afterward immersed therein. At first a gray color is obtained, and this, on the immersion being continued, passes to violet, and successively to maroon, red, etc., and finally to blue, which is the last color.

It is said that two per cent by weight of finely powdered borax glass, placed at the bottom of the crucible, and the red brass is being melted for castings, gives great hardness and at the same time ductility to the metal. Porous castings are said to be almost an impossibility when this is done, and the product is likely to be of great service in parts of machinery subject to strain. An addition of one per cent of oxide of manganese facilitates working in the lathe and elsewhere where great hardness might be an objection.

The following simple ingredients are all that is needed to stop the grain in polished wood: Take a small quantity of white bees-wax, melt it down, and while liquid, mix with whiting. As it gets thick, keep adding boiled oil until you have it as you wish it. When using it, sheet the wood over solid. Let stand until the next day, when you can remove the surplus by using No. 1 sandpaper. It is cheaper and easier than the shellac, and can be leveled sooner, leaving nothing but the pores or grain of the wood filled, which is better than having your wood all stained up with the shellac.

An excellent method of removing varnish from a panel after it has pitted is thus given in a carriage journal: The only way is to run over it lightly with spirits of ammonia. Do not let the ammonia remain too long on the varnish before you use the scraper on it, as it will be likely to eat through and affect the under coats. The object to be gained is only to take off the pitted coat. After removal, wash off with Castile soap and water. Let stand an hour or two to enable the under coat to get hardened. Again rub down with rag and pumice stone lightly, and then revarnish. It would be better, if the time will warrant it, to coat over again with light wash of rubbing varnish, to guard against a possible repetition of the pitting.

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