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One of the best bargains we have offered this season is 4,000 yds fine dress Satines—goods made to sell for 15c; our price as long as they last, 9c.  
Our assortment of Wash Fabrics, such as Gingham, Seersuckers, Cambric and White Goods, is far the best we have ever displayed.  
A mistake you will make, if you buy Matting before examining our stock. Our assortment is the largest, and our prices we guarantee the lowest.  
We are selling for 25c, a full regular fast black Stocking for Ladies. Extra fine they are, and color warranted.  
We shall offer this week another lot of Granite Ironware, slightly imperfect, at half the regular price.  
Housekeepers should have in mind that we keep most everything in Crockery, Tinware, and housekeeping goods.  
We call special attention to our extra fine White Porcelain Dinner Sets that we are offering at \$9.00 per set; they cost \$12.00 to land.

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Will show off to greater advantage Sunday, if you have a good fitting **SHOE**.  
We have some **BEAUTIES** this week; also, new styles in Oxford Ties, for street wear. *Open evenings.*

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**Royal Baking Powder**  
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## THE GREAT MYSTERY

**Student Nuss Talks About  
Ruttinger and Wright.**

**CAME WITH THEM FROM EUROPE**

**He Thinks an Elderly Gentleman on the  
Steamer Was the Murderer.**

**He Was a Violent Looking Fellow with  
an Evil Eye.—The Student Says He Can  
Identify the Bodies as Well as the Mys-  
terious Stranger if He Has an Oppor-  
tunity to Do so.**

PRINCETON, March 27.—Some light is thrown upon the mystery surrounding Carl Ruttinger, the German, and William Wright, his English brother-in-law, by Joseph Nuss, a student for the priesthood under the tutelage of the Capuchin Fathers at St. Fidelis College, in the Monastery of St. Mary, in Butler county. Nuss was a companion of Ruttinger and Wright during the voyage to America. He was interviewed in the monastery by a reporter, and he says his acquaintance with Ruttinger and Wright began and ended with the voyage. They discussed their business affairs generally in common. Ruttinger and Wright told Nuss that they intended purchasing a farm in Ohio from an elderly gentleman, who occupied a first-class passage on the vessel and spent a good deal of his time with the supposed murdered men. Nuss did not learn this gentleman's name, but describes him as a violent looking fellow, with an evil eye.

Nuss was terribly in earnest in his assertions and belief that the man committed the murder of both Ruttinger and Wright. He declares a willingness and ability to positively identify the bodies, as well as the mysterious stranger, if he has the opportunity.

In telling his story Nuss became greatly excited, leaving just behind him the calm, collected and logical and detective minds in the metropolis.

Loring A. Robinson, a leather merchant, who had in thirty years of business life in the "Swamp" amassed a fortune variously estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000, died intestate very suddenly in Brooklyn in October last.

When the heirs applied for letters of administration their petition was blocked by the appearance on the scene of an alleged widow, who was quite a stranger in the family circle of Mr. Robinson's many sorrowing relatives.

A bombshell was thrown into the case when there was no evidence of a ceremony having taken place, the "widow" claimed that a verbal contract and mutual agreement, which in the eye of the New York State law are binding, united them. Furthermore she bore the name of a woman with whom the millionaire merchant had been acquainted years ago—the name of a skeleton in the bachelor's closet.

The identity of the woman has been established by a reporter.

Helen Brewer, alias Cassie Ellis, alias Cassie Brooks, alias Mrs. Loring A. Robinson, is now known to her friends as Helen, alias Florence Raymond. She lives on West 16th street under the protection, it is said, of Tom Gould. Helen or Cassie or Florence or whatever her name may be is a fair sample of the women of her class. She is a blighted blonde with a naturally clear complexion, clear skin and good color. At home in a negligee costume, she looks 35; on the street she appears to be younger.

**RESCUED FROM THE RIVER.**

**A Fashionably Dressed Man Found Floating  
with His Throat Cut.**

BOSTON, March 27.—About 6 A. M. a man of the name of Hoyt took a boat and rescued a man, whom he saw floating in the Charles River. Around the throat was a towel, which covered a cut about three inches deep. He looked intelligent and well bred and was fashionably dressed, but his pockets contained nothing but 15 cents.

He was taken to the Massachusetts Hospital, where he gave his name as John H. Bulkeley and aged 36, and said he belonged at No. 110 Broadway, New York. His story was that he had taken a room in a Leverett street house, where an attempt was made to relieve him of over \$100, and that his assailants cut his throat, and taking him to a bridge, they threw him into the river. He refused to give the number of the Leverett street house.

Finally, he confessed that he came here looking for work, and being unable to find employment, he cut his own throat and jumped into the river, with the intention of committing suicide.

**DECKER NOT EXTRADITED.**

**Mr. Bulkeley's Right to Act as Governor  
of Connecticut Brought Up.**

New Haven, Conn., March 27.—Gov. Bulkeley referred to the State Attorney, the question of signing the papers for the extradition of Ball Player Decker, for whom the Governor of Pennsylvania has made a requisition. Mr. Doellittle is South, however, so that no action has been taken.

Decker's attorney will take the case to the Supreme Court on habeas corpus proceedings. The Governor of Pennsylvania is said to be acting as Governor in signing the necessary warrant.

**THE SCHMIDT MURDER TRIAL.**

**The Neck of the Dead Woman Produced  
in Court.**

MARIA, Pa., March 27.—The trial of Mrs. Caroline Schmidt for the murder of her sister Emma Friesmeyer, was continued to-day.

Dr. Keen, professor of anatomy, of Philadelphia, produced the neck of the dead woman and testified that the fatal state could have been self-inflicted.

This contradicts the expert testimony of the prosecution, and is a strong point for the defense, as it sustains the theory of suicide.

**Cheap Railroad Fares to New York.**

New York, March 27.—The damage done to Manhattan Beach and the seaside resorts in this vicinity during the winter storms have already been partially repaired, and improvement are fast being completed. The hotel managers and other interested parties are pointing out an early season and will be ready when the fine weather arrives. Theater managers in this city say that the attendance out of town people at the plays this season has been greater than ever before.

This season has been greater than ever before. This year attributes to better railroads facilities, more trains and excursion fares. One road entering this city, the New York, Ontario & Western, has arranged an excursion rate, selling ten-day tickets New York and back for the price of fare one way, a rather unique plan to induce travel in April.

**Suit for \$10,000,000.**

New York, March 27.—Brown, Howard & Co. and other contractors have taken preliminary steps to bring suit against New York City for \$10,000,000, which sum they claim was wrongfully withheld from them on false plea of poor work on the new Croton aqueduct. Colonel R. G. Ingalls, Wheeler H. Peckham and Walter H. Brown, New York and placed for the plaintiffs, while James C. Carter, Elihu Root and Austin C. Fox will assist the Corporation Counsel in defending the interests of the city.

**Why He Shot Himself.**

BOSTON, N. J., March 27.—The effects of the late Samuel N. Rockhill, who committed suicide by shooting recently, were examined at the Bordentown bank and no assets whatever were to be found.

## THE STRIKE BROKEN

**An Unexpected Move Made by  
the Coke Operators.**

**EXCITEMENT IN THE REGION**

**Labor Officials Making Strong Efforts to  
Hold Their Men in Line.**

**The Men Working at One Plant Raided  
and Routed—A Sheriff and His Deputies  
Armed with Winchester and Sporting  
Works—Labor Leaders on Trial the Sec-  
ond Time for Conspiracy.**

SCOTTDALE, Pa., March 27.—The unexpected move of the coke operators has created great excitement throughout the region. The operators state that the efforts to start are more successful than expected; that work has been resumed at 15 important plants. The reports, however, are conflicting.

Some labor officials condemn the proposed scale and are making the most strenuous efforts to counteract the move made by the operators.

Last evening the men working at Leisegang No. 3 plant were raided and routed by a large number of strikers. Stones and clubs were used. One man is said to have been seriously hurt. Sheriff McCormick, with a large number of deputies armed with Winchester, is now at the works.

A Uniontown special says the strike in the southern end of the coke region is practically broken. Work has been resumed at several of the largest plants in this district.

**Labor Leaders on Trial for Conspiracy.**

MONTICELLO, Vt., March 27.—The criminal case of the State vs. J. B. Dyer, Patrick Morrison, Frank Morrill and E. H. Sherburne, officers and members of the Granite Cutters' Union, indicted for conspiring to prevent the work of the Granite Cutters' Union, was held at the trial of the case.

**FAVA IN SECLUSION.**

**The Italian Minister is Paying Himself  
to All Callers.**

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Two men who are much sought after these days and very hard to get at are Secretary Blaine and the Italian Minister. The latter has been in hiding ever since the massacre of the Madama Xmas. Many calls are made in the course of the day at the house, corner of Eighteenth and H streets, where the Minister has his rooms, but all receive this information:

"The Minister is in seclusion. Don't know where he can be found. Don't know when he will be out and have no idea when to expect him back."

The Minister realizes that it would be difficult for him to discuss the New Orleans campaign between the carriage and the frame. His body was terribly mangled. He had sufficient presence of mind to turn of the power when he felt the pressure, but it did not save him. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

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**A Civil Rights Fund.**

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—John Lewis, a colored lawyer of this city, who died recently leaving an estate valued at \$100,000, bequeathed a portion of this as a fund for the formation of a protective bureau of civil rights, the object of which is to secure to colored citizens their civil rights as applicable to all other classes of American citizens.

**Lima Oil in Place of Natural Gas.**

PITTSBURGH, March 27.—Lima oil is being used successfully in a number of Pittsburgh mills and factories. Rolling mill owners favor it because it does not oxidize the iron, and for that reason it is thought that natural gas soon be superseded by it. The oil is shipped from the field in tank cars, and a movement is on foot to build a pipe line to this city.

**Returned a Lump of Gold.**

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A lump of gold has been received at the Treasury Department from New York and placed to the credit of the conscience fund. Accompanying it was a note signed "Honor," which stated that the lump of gold had been left in "Honor's" possession for some time, but as he believed the gold belonged to the government he now turned it over to the Treasury. The lump of gold will be sent to the mint, its value ascertained and "Honor" informed through the press of its value.

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**Firing Miller's Work.**

BROOKLYN, March 27.—There is evidence tending to show that Miller, the freemason, caused the burning of the Brooklyn Institute some time ago.

## INSANE THROUGH GRIEF.

**A Poor Mad Woman Tries to Kill Her  
self in a Lockup.**

PITTSBURGH, March 27.—Mrs. John Robb, a poor woman, attempted to hang herself in the lockup at Elm, across the river from Pittsburgh, last night, while insane.

Her case is a peculiarly and one. For the past month she has been nursing her husband, who is a victim of cancer. She stood the strain day and night until Monday of this week, when she became a raving maniac and rushed wildly through the streets, to the terror of women and children.

In her frenzy she fancied the doctors were killing her husband. She visited the offices of two physicians, wrecked the furniture and almost set fire to one while burning Dr. Spence's silk hat. She finally brought up in a drug store and was arrested. Refused admittance to either jail or poorhouse, and falling to secure the necessary papers to send her to an asylum, she has been lodged in the lockup, where she is the terror to the staff and her life at the first opportunity.

**TWO DIE ON THE GALLIOWS.**

**Murderers Moss and Stangley Executed in  
Pennsylvania.**

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 27.—George Washington Moss was hanged in the prison at 10:10. The crime for which he was executed was the brutal murder of his wife. Moss walked to the gallows with a firm step and a smiling face. He said: "God does not hold me responsible for the murder of my wife, and I do not hold myself responsible. I did like a soldier, with a smile. The fall broke Moss' neck and he died instantly."

**MAURICE CRUISE, Pa., March 27.—Oliver William Stangley was hanged here at 11:04 for the murder of Mrs. Sibilla Walker, with whom he boarded. He went to the gallows with a smiling face, being very weak from the effects of disease. It was necessary to assist him up the steps. He said he was willing to die and expected to meet his brothers and sisters in Heaven. He was cut down twenty-two minutes after the drop fell.**

**SLAVIN'S BOLD CHALLENGE.**

**Coming Here Next Month and Offers to  
Fight Any Man in America.**

New York, March 27.—Frank P. Slavin has authorized Billy Madden to match him to fight or box any man in America for any amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a side and for the championship of the world.

He also requests Madden to announce that he will give John L. Sullivan \$5,000, if he fails to stop, conquer or knock him out in five rounds. He also agrees to box either Kilrain, Corbett, Jackson, or Godfrey, and to forfeit a large amount of money, if he fails to stop either of them in a stipulated number of rounds.

Slavin will arrive here next month with Charley Mitchell, and he stands ready to deposit \$5,000 to back up the foregoing propositions. His coming is likely to cause a furor in pugilistic circles.

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## HOT WORK AT SLIGO

**Trouble Expected to-Morrow  
and Troops in Readiness.**

**DANGERS OF PARNELL'S TOUR.**

**Groups of the Opposing Faction Hoot Him  
at Every Turn.**

**He Says if He is Defeated in This Con-  
test He Will Still Continue the Fight.**

DUNELM, March 27.—The excitement in Sligo over the election is so great that the officials have applied to the military authorities for cavalry to be held in readiness for a possible riot. The city officials are apprehensive that serious rioting will occur to-morrow and Sunday.

The annoyances and dangers of Mr. Parnell's tour of the Sligo constituency are increasing. Groups of the opposing faction hoot him at every turn, and wrangles and fights are growing out of these demonstrations are frequent. The greater part of the anti-Parnell feeling is incited by the priesthood, who are especially active in the opposing districts and have personally led the opposing crowds.

**Incidents of the Campaign.**

DUNELM, March 27.—Parnell, speaking from a hotel window at Sligo, said that if defeated there he would never abandon the fight.

Some McCarthyites prepared a fire escape and wheeled it through the streets to the hotel window, intending in considerable manner and loud allusions to the O'Shea case.

The police did not interfere except to prevent disorder, and some of them laughed at the spectacle, as they felt Parnell paid no attention. The fire escape was then wheeled back and sent to the O'Shea case.

Maurice Healy, speaking at Sligo, again challenged Parnell to resign. He said that Parnell's recent statements on the subject of his resignation were more serious, and that he had saved himself a coward and a sneak as well as a liar.

**A DISAPPOINTED MAIDEN.**

**She Went West to Get Married But Re-  
turned Home Crying.**

HUNTINGDON, Pa., March 27.—An advertisement inserted in a Chicago matrimonial publication by Harry F. Fleming, a banker of Spokane Falls, caught the eye of Miss Grace Glasgow, of Markleburg. She is a petite and comely brunette, of 30 years, and is the oldest daughter of Professor Samuel L. Glasgow, a leading educator and prominent figure in Huntington county politics.

A correspondence ensued, photographs were exchanged and Glasgow finally accepted a proposal of marriage from Harry Fleming. The gleaming Fleming furnished her with a through ticket and an abundance of money for traveling expenses, and Miss Glasgow left quietly several days ago for Spokane Falls.

Last night she returned unexpectedly to her parents' home, still unmarried and weary and dejected over her fruitless journey. She had met her fiancé, but his material and physical claims were not in accordance with his written and pictured representations of himself, and so the disappointed maiden nullified the engagement and returned home.

**SIR CHARLES DISPUNCHED.**

**Canadian Liberalism Blasted by Sir Charles's  
Corrupt and Scandalous.**

OTTAWA, March 27.—It is announced that when Parliament meets the Liberals will introduce a resolution denouncing the conduct of Sir Charles Tupper, High Commissioner, during the recent election campaign, particular reference being made to his attempt to purchase the support of the Grand Trunk Railroad as a creditable, corrupt and scandalous.

The proposal to send a commissioner to Washington to discuss the reciprocity question was considered in the Cabinet council to-day. Sir Charles Tupper insists on having a free hand in the negotiations. The Ministers desire his powers limited. French Canadians are agitating for a representation on the commission.

**The Invisible Duke of Orleans.**

PARIS, March 27.—The Duke of Orleans has gone as far as Tiflis, but his whereabouts is a mystery. He informs no one of his movements, and his friends are anxious about him. They seem unable to keep an eye on him except when he is in prison.

**Utopia Passengers Tell for New York.**

Y. GERALDINE, March 27.—The Angles sailed for New York to-day with 153 emigrants and saloon passengers returned from the Utopia. Thirty more bodies were recovered. Of the bodies recovered 180 have been buried on land and 170 at sea.

**Prince Napoleon May Reside in France.**

PARIS, March 27.—The French Cabinet has decided that Prince Louis Napoleon is not affected by the law banishing from the country pretenders to the throne of France, and the Prince can therefore reside in France.

## UNDERTAKERS RUSHED.

**The Death Roll in Chicago Will Reach  
1,000 This Week.**

CHICAGO, March 27.—The grip and the pulmonary disease which follow in its train are doing terrible work in Chicago. The death rate this week will be much heavier than even the startling record of last.

Up to midnight last night Register Tomlinson, at the City Hall, had received 700 certificates of death for the first five days. The report of recording in the Bureau of Vital Statistics has increased so much that an extra force of clerks has been put on.

Undertakers are rushed from dawn till dark, and the supply of coffins is giving out, although the manufacturers are overtaxing their resources to keep up with the increased demand.

The death rate last week was 594, which was about 100 more than any one week during the grip epidemic of last year. If the rate for the last few days continues until Saturday night, nearly 5,000 persons will have perished.



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## BY THE WAY.

The street sprinkler is out to-day.

New styles in neck rubings at Peck's.

The Plainfield sewer bill was signed by the Governor yesterday.

Edsall is showing as fine assortment of carpets now as have ever been offered in the city.

The petition to have the freight house removed has so far been signed by over 500 tax-payers and property-owners.

"Impure Lips" will be the subject of the talk to be given by C. T. Kilsam, at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Sunday at 4:15 P. M.

A report of L. W. Scroell, Jr.'s talk on electricity, last evening, with other local items of interest, is crowded out of today's Press but will appear to-morrow.

A Union service of the congregations of this city will be held in the Greenest Avenue church this evening at 8 o'clock. The service will be in charge of the pastors of the several churches.

The Bible training class of the Young People's League of the First Baptist church, conducted by Chas. B. Brown, meets this evening in the church parlors at 7 o'clock. Subject—"Outline Studies in the Book of Exodus." A cordial invitation is extended to any young people in the city interested in this method of Bible study to join the class.

Tickets for Mrs. Custer's afternoon lecture to be given in Seminary Hall, Tuesday of next week at 3:30, are for sale at Mory's pharmacy. The subject will be, "Garrison Life on the Frontier," and is a most interesting and exciting relation of this brave woman's personal experiences while with her husband, Gen'l Custer's, cavalry detachment amid the hostile tribes.

The Press will publish to-morrow, Nurse Thomas Price's emphatic denial that he deserted Henry G. Wood in the hospital and left him alone in the room where he killed himself a few minutes afterwards. Price says he was sent away by Dr. Boone, and that when he left the hospital Mr. Wood was eating some supper in the dining room with the hospital Superintendent, Mrs. Walrod.

Scores of people, including many from this city, have seen the "Old Homestead" at the Academy of Music, New York, and come away full of admiration of Denman Thompson. Yet they never saw Denman Thompson at all. He cannot act all the time, and has understudies as good as he the same as do other stars. Archie Boyd, who plays the part at Music Hall, next Wednesday evening, cannot be excused even by Mr. Thompson.

## PARTICULAR MENTION.

Irving Carpenter and Miss Annie Roll are visiting Mr. Carpenter's brother in Connecticut.

Charles W. McCutchen is among the latest arrivals at the Hotel del Coronado, Coronado Beach, California.

The theme of Dr. Lewis's sermon to-morrow morning at the Seventh-Day Baptist church, will be, "The glory of our personal immortality."

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. C. Field, with their son Jas. C., Jr., have again taken up their residence in this city, and are making their home on East Fifth street.

There will be a "Floral Tea" at the home of Mrs. Orville T. Waring, 142 Park avenue, Saturday of next week, from 4 till 9 p. m., for the benefit of Grace Church building fund.

The Daily Continent, of New York city, says: "Frank E. Miller, who has two big hotels at Plainfield, N. J., received his education at the Grand Hotel, New York, where his affable disposition won him many friends."

At the Casino, Friday, April 10, the New York and Brooklyn Amateur Opera Association will present "Mikado" with new scenery and costumes, and full orchestra, under the patronage of well-known society people of this city.

J. C. Wilkins, a former resident of Plainfield and now one of the successful merchants of Germantown, Pa., spent Wednesday evening with his mother, Mrs. J. Wilkins, of East Third street. Mrs. Wilkins has been seriously ill for some months.

An enjoyable sociable was held at the Evans mission Sunday-school last evening. The musical portion of the programme included piano solos by Miss Dorey and Master Stephen Hoff, and a quartet of male voices. Refreshments were served by the young ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Moore entertained a large party of their friends, the evening, with a candy festival at their home on East Front street. They had everything from taffy to creamed nuts. Among the guests were two little lads who weighed over 200 pounds each.

The funeral of Henry G. Wood took place at Grace church, this morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. E. M. Rodman read the Episcopal burial service, and members of the G. A. R. of this city served as pall bearers. Among those present were the dead man's wife and sister, President Smith and others of the Council, and a large number of friends and acquaintances. The remains will be interred beside the dead man's daughter in the family burial plot at Saratoga.

## ELECTRICITY ATTRACTS PATRONS.

Figures and Facts Presented by Mr. Milliken That Prove the Trolley Street Railway is the Most Popular, Economical and Safest in the World.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PRESS:—It was my privilege recently to listen to the careful and conservative advice of His Honor, Mayor Gilbert, to the Council in respect to their intended action on the trolley ordinance, and I doubt not every reasonable man in our city will heartily agree with him that owing to the importance of the subject, the wisest course in the matter of granting any franchise is first, to see that the community is fully informed of the merits and demerits of the proposed system, to ascertain carefully the drift of such opinion so formed, and then to see that the people's will is carried out to the letter.

It is not my purpose or province to draw conclusions or express opinions, but citing certain general facts bearing on the subject, leaving the people to draw their own inferences, and thus securing a more correct conclusion by them, is simply fulfilling a duty which any citizen owes his neighbors.

It is admittedly an open question whether today the traffic in our city would support an ordinary horse car line, even were the service rendered acceptable to the people.

I have here the annual report for 1890 of the largest horse car company of one of the largest cities in our State. The cost of their enterprise, amounts to over \$180,000. Last year their running expenses exceeded their receipts \$5,770.64. Their balance sheets for a term of years show even in their city, which is very much larger than our own, they cannot conduct their business at a profit. They are now considering the use of the trolley system to enable them to cut down expenses sufficiently at least to prevent actual annual loss.

From a recent annual report of the general manager of an extensive system of street car lines, including both horse and trolley lines, it is shown that the proportion of total operating expenses to the earnings was for horse roads 89.3 per cent, and for trolley roads 65.35 per cent; the average cost per passenger on the horse lines being 4.48 cents and on the trolley line 4.28 cents. It is a curious fact often noted in connection with the trolley system that the introduction of electricity increases in a surprising amount the number of passengers carried. It is possible to run the cars on less headway, that is more frequently, at less expense, and it would seem also that the electric roads are quite popular in the general sense of the term. Be the reasons for the increase of traffic on the same lines what they may, the experience of roads having made the change is in this particular uncontroverted. This, of course, is not only some testimony in favor of the electric car, but also a very considerable factor in the question of profits to the company.

The experience of other cities is, of course, the most valuable data obtainable. Within the last three years, starting at Richmond, Va., some 256 different lines of trolley road are now in operation, and were there not very weighty advantages in favor of this system, it is hardly reasonable to suppose that the substitution, (as it is in most of the above cases), would have been so enormous; in fact, the growth of the system is one of the most remarkable industrial features at the present time, and instances are rare where practically a new department of enterprise has grown in such a short time to such enormous proportions.

Cities much larger than our own and municipalities presumably as careful in these matters as our own, have granted trolley franchises for literally thousands of miles of streets trolley franchises having been granted, exclusive of many other towns of less size, in cities as follows: St. Louis, Pittsburg, Denver, San Francisco, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Buffalo, Rochester, Cleveland, Syracuse, Boston, Washington, Baltimore, (granted last night) Philadelphia, New York city, (annexed district) Springfield, Albany, not mention others. In St. Paul and Minneapolis there are over 80 miles and in Buffalo 110 miles alone of overhead trolley lines now in process of construction and operation.

It is a matter of note that in New England, and in those parts of the country long settled, where franchises are more jealously guarded, the trolley system shows even a larger percentage of adoption than in the newer and presumably less careful localities.

The danger elements in overhead electric traction are being rapidly dissipated along with increasing familiarity and experience. There is no instance of a person being killed or seriously injured by a 500 volt current, which is the voltage adopted as standard on all traction lines. As stated by Capt. Griffin recently in an address at Boston, "of the 1,407 deaths from violence in New York city last year only nine were due to electricity." If electricity is dangerous what shall we say of cars and engines, stair-ways, wagons or gas, responsible for the great bulk of the above total. In like manner in Boston, as shown by the Board of Health reports, the total deaths from casualties aggregated 399. Not a single death was recorded due to electricity. In New England there are 175 central lighting stations having been in operation from one to ten years. Since their establishment the total number of deaths have been but five.

A great deal has been said regarding the unsightliness of poles and overhead wires. It would be idle to deny the force of this argument up to a certain degree and beyond this not much is gained in the discussion of matters purely of taste. It is proper to point out, however, that if light and ornamental metal poles are used, painted a dark green, as in Buffalo, they are at least less conspicuous than the ordinary wooden poles now placed in our streets, and it is hardly a question of adding to the present disfigurement as such poles could be readily arranged to carry many of the wires now up, thus practically abating in a measure the source of present complaint.

It has been recently suggested that perhaps it would be better for our city to adopt the cable system, which was so much in vogue four or five years ago, and which at that time promised to be the coming system. You published yesterday a letter written by a friend of mine who has had the charge of a cable road for some years past in the city of Grand Rapids.

It is proper to state that his company is before the council at Grand Rapids for an ordinance allowing them to use the trolley system, and if obtained they will abandon their cable road, which has cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. The chief reason for the use of cable traction is found in the existence of heavy grades of which we have none on the route in question. I have not got time to get last year's census, but in 1880 Grand Rapids was credited with a population of 32,016. You can draw your own inferences from this fact and his letter which speak better than I can as to what prospect there would be for a paying cable road in our city. The cable road in their city is practically straight as compared with the many turns and loops laid out in the ordinance now before our council.

Very much the same objections as to original cost have been shown to exist with the conduit system for electric roads. There have been three laid in this country up to date: one of which has never been run, another is abandoned and the third is running in a desultory sort of way, neither satisfactory nor economical. The first cost is something that would put it out of reach of our city in any event as the conduit is very expensive to build and when built proves impracticable to run, owing to the questions of drainage and insulation.

But one system remains to consider that of the storage or secondary battery system, which is admittedly an ideal road with the grave disadvantages of many other ideals, i. e. that it is out of present reach, so far as human knowledge can compass the question. It is an axiom in electrical circles that the man who can invent a practical storage battery, free from the vital objections which obtain with those so-called batteries now on the market, will make his everlasting fortune. The best evidence in regard to the practicability of this system at the present time of invention if found in the acknowledged fact that no one single storage battery car has ever been sold to any street railway company in this country. Briefly, the paramount objections to this system are three: First, the great weight of the batteries; second, the lack of reserve power in emergencies, and third, the cost of operation. A storage battery car weighs from seven tons upwards. The ordinary motor car will weigh seven to eight thousand pounds, or say one-half the above. These heavy cars are totally helpless with snow or ice on the tracks, even in New York city, where a few are being run in an intermittent way at the expense of the battery people as an experiment. What they will do, or rather what they would fail to do after a heavy snow storm in our city can be readily imagined. The representative of one storage battery motor advised me to-day that the best they could say at present in favor of any motor storage battery car was that it would cost two to two-and-a-half times the expense of horse traction on lines with the most favorable conditions of traffic for economical operation.

In general, the best authorities all seem to concur in the opinion that it requires, roughly speaking, nearly twice as much power per unit of useful work done with the storage battery system that it does with the direct distribution system, the dead weight of the battery plates alone being nearly equal to that of a paying load of thirty passengers, i. e. say 3,000 pounds. This load must be "toted" whether there are passengers or not, and always in addition to the live load. The increased weight on the rails adds to the first cost of track; also to the cost of renewals and repairs to track and cars.

Trusting that some of the above facts may prove of interest to your readers, I remain, Very respectfully, EDWARD F. MILLIKEN.

Building Loan Office.

The newly-elected Directors of the Plainfield Building and Loan Association organized Thursday evening as follows: President—Lewis E. Barkley. Vice President—Joseph E. Sheppard. Treasurer—William B. Collington. Secretary—Nathan Harper. Solicitor—John H. Jackson. Finance Committee—B. Frank Correll, John Chandler, Jacob Voehl.

—Special values for Easter in kid gloves at Peck's.

—The United Tea and Coffee Growers' Association are now taking orders for granulated sugar at five cents per pound. Read their advertisement to-day.

"Come to my arms," he said, "Can't," she said, "I've rheumatism." "Get Salvation Oil." She went immediately and bought a bottle. 25 cents.

Many a home has been robbed of sunshine and happiness by the loss of some dear child, when Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup would have saved it.

## TIED A ROPE AROUND HIS NECK

THEN KISSED THE KNOTTED NOOSE AND JUMPED TO DEATH.

Villagers in the Mountains Excited Over the Suicide of a Mysterious Stranger on Jephtha Wagner's Farm.—A Corpser's Incident to be Held to Identify the Corpse.

People in the neighborhood of Mt. Bethel, one of the mountain villages just back of North Plainfield, are greatly excited over the suicide of a mysterious stranger on the farm of Jephtha Wagner, near that place.

Two or three days ago an unknown man appeared in Mt. Bethel, seeking employment. He was well dressed, and the refinement of his manner indicated that he was a man of good breeding, and his white hands were not those of a common farm laborer.

Yesterday morning, however, he eagerly accepted work on the farm of John Redmond, and worked steadily until noon. His mind seemed to be greatly burdened with sorrow, but he was very uncommunicative.

At noon he slipped away from his work, and went over to the adjoining farm of Jephtha Wagner. Climbing to the roof of a cow shed, he tied the end of a short rope about a beam, slipped the other end, already noosed and knotted, over his head, kissed the rope passionately as though grateful to it as an instrument of welcome death, clasped his hands together, and leaped.

The rope held firmly, and quickly strangled the life out of the horribly struggling form.

Mrs. Wagner was on her way to a neighboring spring for water, and witnessed the suicide. Redmond's house was nearer than her own, and she ran to it and called out to the men. When they reached the dangling body life was extinct.

The corpse was left swinging in the breeze till Wm. Rolfe, overseer of the poor, arrived and officially ordered it cut down.

The county physician came later and ordered an inquest to be held, with a view to ascertaining who the dead man was. The inquest will be begun this afternoon.

## WANTS AND OFFERS.

Advertisements under this heading, one cent for each word each insertion. Cash 10/100 accompanying ads.

WANTED—Two-seated platform, good family horse, harness, etc., cheap, for cash. Address Box 347, Westfield, N. J. 527

BASEMENT to let. Good business place for shoe-maker. Cheap rent. Address S. Paine office. 527

WANTED—Competent, young woman to cook, wash and iron. Apply 148 East Front street. 527

A YOUNG married couple (the children) desire two or three rooms, unfurnished, preferred in a first-class location; meals taken outside. Address Y. Paine office 527

TO LET—Three fine stores, Nos. 70, 72 and 74 West Front street; 15 by 25 ft. in each; large show windows in each store; high ceilings; well lighted; steam heat; boiler converted in first-class order; will be rented low to responsible parties. Apply on premises to C. Schepkin & Co. 527 to 4-1 and

TO LET—Two twelve-room houses in good repair; improvements; three seven-room houses. Inquire City Mills. 527

TO RENT—2 nice cottages; 4 and 9 rooms; 10 and 17 dollars. Address J. A. Baker, Scotch Plains. 527

WANTED—Experienced sales lady, at Whitney's Dry Goods store, 8 East Front street. 527

SECOND-HAND Sewing Machines for sale: Singer, 55; Wilson & Gibson, 55. Machines repaired; oil, belts, etc. 50 North ave. 527

WANTED—Situation by experienced coachman; single; Scotch; good references. Henry Wylie, Plainfield postoffice. 527

FOR SALE, cheap, two upright Pianos, (Jacob Voehl's); also 4 others, various makes; Van derbeck & Sattler, 25 Park ave. 527

ROOMS—With or without board. Apply 21 West Second street. 527

WANTED—A good girl for general housework in small family, at 25 Grande avenue. 527

TO LET—A few fine storage rooms. Apply M. Quinn, 10 East Fourth street. 527

TO LET—Pleasant, sunny house, on Arlington ave., opp. Arlington place; containing nine rooms. Apply to A. Vanlever, 320 Elm street. 527

Mrs. L. W. BARTON will open a first-class boarding house at 118 East Front street, and solicit the patronage of Plainfield and its vicinity. Rooms furnished or unfurnished, family, table board, etc. 527

STREET sprinkling business for sale, with privilege to draw water from reservoir; no pump needed. For particulars inquire of P. M. French, city. 127

## Lodge and Society Meetings.

Anchor Lodge, No. 145, F. & A. M.—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays at Masonic Hall, Music Hall Building, West Front street. Frank O. Herrig, W. M. J. A. Demarest, Secretary.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M.—Meets first and third Tuesdays at Masonic Hall, East Front street. Wm. J. Ford, W. M. D. R. Weaver, Secretary.

1875. Fraternity and Protection. 1890. Membership, 136,000. Death benefits paid since organization, over \$2,000,000.

Westminster Lodge, 2,401. Knights of Honor—Meets first and third Thursdays, at 8 P. M., in Hand's Building, West Second street, Plainfield. R. C. Pease, Dictator.

Plainfield Council, No. 711, Royal Arcanum.—The regular meetings of this Council are held on the Second and Fourth Monday evenings of each month in the Hand Building, No. 10 West Second street, at 8 P. M. Louis M. Storer, Regent. H. A. Thorne, Secretary.

Eleventh Year, 65,000 Members. 1,360 Branches.

(Nothing succeeds like success.) (Union, Protection and Fortification.)

Order of the Iron Hall—Pays \$5 to \$25 per week in case of sickness; pays \$100 to \$500 to total disability; pays \$200 to \$1,000 in seven years. \$1,000,000 paid to members in ten years. Balance on hand, net assets, \$1,200,000. Local Branch, No. 1190, of Plainfield, N. J., meets second and fourth Tuesdays at Amphion Hall, Second street. Chas. W. Tallman, F. P. Storr, Accountant. Chas. Justice, Chief Justice.

Easter Lodge, No. 8,448, Knights of Honor.—The regular meetings of this Lodge are held on the First and Third Monday evenings of each month, at No. 10 West Second street, "Hand's Building." Thos. R. Cons, Dictator. H. A. Thorne, Reporter.

Friendship Lodge, No. 4, Daughters of Deborah, I. O. O. F., meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Second street. John Dodine, N. G. Lizzie Kingston, Secretary.

America for Americans.—Franklin Council, No. 41, Jr. O. U. A. M., meets every Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, in J. O. U. A. M. Hall, corner Front street and Park avenue. L. M. Danavan, Councilor. W. N. Martin, Secretary. 127

American Legion of Honor, Ivanhoe Council, No. 1,076. Regular meetings second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, in the Hand Building, No. 10 W. 2d street, at 8 P. M. Thaddeus G. Smith, Commander. Geo. E. Stillman, Secretary.

## Amusements.

M. H. A.

MUSIC HALL, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1. Denman Thompson's Famous Play, THE OLD HOMESTEAD!

With all scenic effects. Presented by a Company of 25 People. PRICES—\$1, 75c. and 50c.

Sale of seats opens on Friday morning at Miller's and Williams's Drug Stores.

Scotch Plains, Dunellen and North Plainfield stages will run for the performance, returning when it is over. 527

Afternoon Lecture For the Benefit of the Kitchen Garden, by Mrs. E. B. Custer, SEMINARY HALL, Tuesday, March 31, 1891.

At 2:30 o'clock. SUBJECT—"Garrison Life on the Frontier." TICKETS—ONE DOLLAR. For sale at Mory's Pharmacy. 527

## DISSOLUTION.

TAKE NOTICE—That the firm of Whitlock & Hulick, is this day dissolved by mutual consent that all debts due and owing to said firm are payable to D. L. Hulick; and all debts due and owing by said firm are to be presented to the said D. L. Hulick for payment, who will continue the business of the late firm. Dated March 26, 1891. G. S. WHITLOCK, D. L. HULICK. 527

14 Horses for Sale, AT SOUTH PLAINFIELD. All good workers. Have worked in Carriage and Scares.

Apply to D. S. ROBERTS'S Livery Stable, North Avenue. 527

THOMPSON PARK, No. 23 East Front Street. PIANOS, Bradbury, Baus, Dunsinber, Jacob Bros., and Musical Merchants.

ORGANS, Newman Bros., Estey, RENT and FOR SALE. Cash or Installments. SHEET MUSIC played for purchasers. Tuning and Repairing a Specialty.

BROWN & HILL, Shaving and Hair Cutting Parlors, (FROCK'S HOTEL), No. 5 North Avenue. Special attention paid to Children's Hair Cutting. 527

LYMAN & ANTHONY, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE AGENTS, 61 NORTH AVE., opposite Depot. 527

TRY OUR QUEEN and NEW ENGLAND BREAD, HENRY LIEFKE, NO. 27 WEST FRONT STREET. 527

TO THE PUBLIC! Having purchased the old-established business of Geo. W. Force, in whose employ I have been for 15 years, I will offer for the

Next Thirty Days The entire stock of Boots, Shoes and Rubbers At Special Bargains. Do not fail to embrace this opportunity. J. V. BERKAW, Successor to Geo. W. Force, 11 West Front st. 317

FISCHER PIANOS ESTABLISHED 1840. RENOWNED FOR TONE & DURABILITY MODERATE PRICES. BARY TREMPER, EXHAUSTED. DELIVERED FREE WITHIN 50 MILES OF NEW YORK CITY. Catalogue mailed on Application. 110 Fifth Ave., cor. 16th Street, NEW YORK CITY. 47

Want to Buy a House? Here is a Valuable House and Lot, All Your Own, For Little Money. If You Seriously Think of Buying, Write to "Agent," Lock Box 707, Plainfield, N. J.

Removal Notice. On or about April 1, I will remove to No. 7 Park Avenue, Directly opposite my present location, where I hope to see all my old friends and many new ones. In the meantime I am offering Special Inducements in Prices! To reduce stock. Call and give us a look. A. WILLETT. 517

Union Market, 17 WEST FRONT ST. The subscriber informs his friends and the public in general that he has opened a Meat, Vegetable, Butter & Egg Market, at the above stand, where he is prepared to furnish the best quality of articles at reasonable prices. Your patronage is solicited. Respectfully yours, JACOB VOEHL. 517

OPENING Of French Patterns in Bonnets and Hosiery Hats, and Millinery Novelties, MARCH 27 and 28. Mrs. L. ADAMS, No. 5 East Front St., opposite Park Ave. 127

J. T. VAIL, REAL ESTATE, AND INSURANCE, 49 NORTH AVE. DEALER IN BLUE STONE FLAGGING, &c. 527

House Cleaning Days Are drawing near. Let housekeepers remember that Mrs. Martin's Magic Renovating Fluid Will remove grease of all kinds from Carpets, and from everything else. It NEVER FAILS. For sale by C. E. CLARKE, 9 East Front St. 127

TRY B. T. Barnes FLAXSEED AND LEMON COUGH DROPS. Opposite Postoffice. 12-13-15

WATCHES & CLOCKS Sold on Installments. COLLIER, Jeweler, 3 Park Avenue. ESTABLISHED 1860. 1-14-15

The Reina Victoria Sagar Is an ELEGANT ICE SAGER. I SELL IT FOR 5 CENTS. At the Crescent Parlor, 25 NORTH AVENUE. 1-14-7

M. J. COYNE, CUSTOM TAILOR. Clothes Cleaned, Repaired and Re-Trimmed and Pressed, as GOOD AS NEW! Miller Building, 4th St., near Park Ave. 12-17

Willcox & Gibbs S. M. CO. Orders left at 10 GROVE STREET will be promptly attended to. NEEDLES, OIL, &c. F. A. WINKER, Agent. 5-24-1

SEA FOOD! Scale and Shell. ROGERS' MARKET, 42 WEST SECOND STREET. 3-12-11

ALL OVER! Our Special Sale closed last Saturday, but we can still make it an object for you to buy your SHOES at our place. SHERWIN'S, 23 West Front Street. STRICTLY CASH! Open until 9 o'clock. 11-24-1

ICED CREAM. He after I will sell my Iced Cream at 50 CENTS PER QUART, delivered. At the store, in Boxes, 40 Cents per Quart. FRENCH ICED CREAM, or DELMONICO, 70 Cents per Quart. In Larger Orders I Cannot be Undersold.

C. K. COMPTON, 26 WEST FRONT STREET. 11-15-11

Lumber & Coal Loomis & Rice B'dway. 49 Telephone 75 A. 12-7

First Catch Your Hare Reads an old recipe; that 'well enough in Culinary matters, but it doesn't do to wait until you Cut, Scald or Burn yourself, and then Fun for a bottle of CARL KAERTH'S "Instantaneous Liniment." A much wiser plan is to spend 25c, and keep a bottle in the house. Ask your Druggist for it. Has no equal for CUTS, BURNS, SCALDS, RHEUMATISM and NEURALGIA. For sale at all Drug Stores or at the FACTORY, 16 E. 26 St. 4-24

NEW SPRING STYLES! Seersucker, Gingham and Outing Flannels JUST RECEIVED AT H. A. POPE'S, Corner FRONT and SOMERSET STS. The old reliable Dry Goods, Carpet and Notion House. 11-13-7



## PECK'S CORNER.

"HASTE MAKES WASTE!" Don't Hurry to Buy, Until you have seen Peck's Stock!

Spring Styles! FOR GENTLEMEN'S WEAR, NOW READY AT SEBRING'S FINE TAILORING HOUSE, 27 PARK AVENUE. 12-6-7

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# IS IT A WOMAN'S DARING PLOT?

EITHER THAT OR A CASE OF MAN'S BASEST TREACHERY.

It is Blackwell the Fair Complainant is fighting tremendous odds. The Reputation and Honor of herself and others at stake. The Woman Determined to Recover Heavy Damages, and the Man Resolute for Vindication.

A scandal of a highly sensational nature has been developing in Plainfield during the past few months, and since the case has gone so far that it cannot avoid becoming public property. The Press fulfills its duty as a newspaper by giving the people first and reliable information concerning it.

The leading characters in this erotic local drama are a young man, a student in one of the most highly honored professions, well known to many Plainfielders, and very popular with certain society people, especially the gentler sex; and a young woman whose home is in one of the most beautiful, fashionable and refined quarters of the city, and who mingles daily with the throng upon the streets.

For reasons which will be obvious to the readers of this story of the case, THE PRESS for the present withholds the names of the parties involved, and the curious ones must be satisfied to have the matter treated generally until exposure of these and other particulars has become necessary and proper because of the affair coming up for settlement before the courts.

The beginning of the story takes the narrator as far back as last June, when, in occasional promenades about the Plainfield streets, the student had often noticed two young ladies, evidently sisters, driving about in very stylish equipage. For a time he contented himself with distant flirtations with the damsels, who were quite pretty, who dressed in faultless taste, and whose modest demeanor was so coy that the gay young fellow could not be sure that it was not assumed.

Inquiry developed the fact that the girls were warm friends of one of his Plainfield chums, and after a formal introduction he became

A FREQUENT CALLER AT THEIR HOME.

Indeed, scarcely had the month of roses and strawberries gone by when the student found himself so firmly established as a family friend that he accepted an invitation to spend the summer in Plainfield as the guest of the young ladies' parents. The girls were sisters, as he had supposed. They were highly accomplished, played the piano and other musical instruments to perfection, danced divinely, sang exquisitely, and painted pictures that were gems of art.

The friend to whom the student was indebted for the introduction to the sisters seemed already to have a monopoly of the society of the younger of the family, but the older was sufficiently charming for the student, and delightful walks and drives and talks between the two resulted.

Strolls about town in the evening were frequent. At such times the entire quartette used to meet at a prominent drug store and imbibe refreshing soda water, or at a walk-home confectio'n's and partake of lemonade and ice. The summer passed, and the young people parted pleasantly one day because the young men were going off on

A BRIEF PLEASURE TRIP.

But after the student and his friend came back they seemed very distant to the sisters who had helped to make the season so enjoyable for them, and if the story of the girls is true there was good reason for the coldness. They say that they ordered the young men never again to come near them.

But as the story told by the young women differs very much from that told by the young men, they will have to be recounted separately, and out of courtesy to the sex the girls are given first hearing.

The beginning of the trouble—says one of the sisters, in the story which has been told to the lawyer and a few friends of the family—occurred one evening just after they had been drinking soda water at the drug store, when one of the young men said a very funny but a very naughty thing. The girls acknowledged that they ought to have

REPROVED HIM ON THE SPOT,

and ought to have chided the other young man for adding a remark that only made the thing worse, but instead they laughed and treated the matter lightly. Next day evidently emboldened at the success of their first joke of the kind, the boys attempted a broader but a no less piquant one. The girls then said that they were in their previous mood. They tried to be severe about it, but the fellows were in a most frolicsome mood, and teased the maidens into laughing too. Then was started the

PECULIAR FREEDOM OF BEHAVIOR which continued to characterize the acquaintance of the quartette during the summer. From questionable jokes to questionable actions was an easy step. Gradually the girls came to accept quite openly, instead of rejecting in scorn, demonstrations of affection from the young men. The boys were very jolly, very sentimental, and very generous, and the girls were in great perplexity—so they say—to know just how to act. They claim not to have thoroughly understood the young men's advances, and they continued to have a

very merry time. That all this while they were

TREADING ON DANGEROUS GROUND they could not have been long in discovering, however, for presently came an offer from their gay young swains which they were compelled to treat with an emphatic negative.

One evening, seated in a group in a secluded nook of the broad piazzas of the house, the young men very delicately and skillfully unfolded a plan for "the jolliest kind of a lark." This involved an afternoon carriage drive through the loveliest country of the neighborhood, a dinner at a rural inn in an isolated spot, and a drive homeward by moonlight. All this in itself seemed an innocent enough, and a romantic enough diversion for such familiar and congenial spirits, but

THE CAT WAS OUT OF THE BAG

when the young men, in response to the girls' question what time they would promise to leave the inn for home, said that they would start the minute the moon was up. The younger of the sisters had studied the almanac recently enough to know that the moon on the particular night in question would not rise at all, that not even the faintest peep of the crescent would be visible till some time after midnight and dangerously close to daybreak, and she frankly told the young men of her knowledge. They were visibly disconcerted, and had very evidently counted on the maidens eagerly accepting without a doubting word the inviting chance for a happy day they had so glowingly pictured, but after a forlorn joke about girls always keeping themselves posted about the moon because there was a man in it they tried earnestly to assure the maidens that there was

NO HARM IN SUCH A FROLIC,

and that even if they stayed at the inn until the moon began to show herself above the horizon they would reach home in plenty of time to avoid all suspicion. No one—they pleaded—would know at what time they got home; if the hour were discovered, it could readily be explained; accidents often happened to horses and carriages on the road, and one could easily be reported in their case; in any event, they would vindicate the girls against every breath of suspicion, and no one would be the wiser.

The young women were not slow to understand the purport of the young men's suggestions, and as soon as possible they left the two ardent conspirators and bade them a somewhat haughty but not entirely chilly good-night.

Next day the girls had not the heart to be cold and distant to the boys, for the gay gallants were as sweetly respectful and deferent and knightly as could possibly be desired. So

THE FAIR MAIDENS SIGHED AND FORGAVE them their naughtiness, and the young men were courtly, obedient, humble, meek, as the stately but smiling young women smiled.

It was not a great while after this—the story of the girls goes on—that the elder of the sisters, in a quiet mood, slipped away from the people chatting on the piazza and spent the summer evening in solitude on a balcony near her room, building dream-visions. It was late when she glanced at her watch; she had not realized how quickly time will flee when the thoughts and hopes and longings of a tender girlish heart are racing against the minutes.

THE HOUSEHOLD WERE ALL ASLEEP:

but she paused even yet before retiring for the night. A moment later, glancing into a room adjoining her sleeping apartment, one might have imagined herself gazing at an exquisite bit of art turned to realism, and might have fancied herself in a famous picture gallery, with the Diana who hitherto had been posing amid paint-and-canvas waters actually come to life and plashing about in a very real, matter-of-fact fountain, the construction of which an old master would have found somewhat perplexing, and which would have been decidedly more familiar to a later-day plumber. The modern Diana had a right merry time playing amid the falling waters, and when, attired in a soft loose gown whose suggestive outlines heightened the grace and charm of her natural beauty, she glided into her sleeping room, fresh and sweet and rosy from the aquatic exercise.

SHE LOOKED HER LOVELIEST.

Like a prudent maiden, she locked the door of her room after entering, turned up the gas, and looked under the bed, as was her nightly wont, for a man. There was of course no man there, but there was one in the room, as she was very much surprised to discover. He stepped from behind the drapery of an alcove, and revealed himself to her startled gaze as the student.

When she faintly asked him, between her gasps for the breath which surprise had robbed her of,

WHAT HE WAS DOING THERE,

he told her that he loved her devotedly, and could not bear to be away from her. He added, in impassioned tones, that he had been waiting for her a long, long time, that he could not bear to be away from her side an instant. She subsequently discovered that he had but just come in, and that if she had come directly to her room after leaving the balcony and had

LOCKED HERSELF IN,

instead of pausing to peruse Diana sporting at the fountain, she would have been safe within her room in time to exclude the trespasser.

But the student was in the room, and she could not get rid of him. Pleading, tears, were of no avail, and she thought too much of him to arouse the family by

her screams and expose him. At last—she concludes—he conquered her by his passionate utterances and fervent assurances, and when he finally left her it was with

PROMISES TO REPAIR THE GREAT WRONG which she claims he committed against her.

All this is but the story of the young woman herself. There is much more of it, rich in details which cannot easily or gracefully be told in public print. The tale of the young man is much briefer, and far different. It

BLACKENS THE CHARACTER OF THE GIRL herself, while it vindicates him. Besides frankly and emphatically denying the entire charge, he says that during his stay at her house the young woman threw herself constantly in his way, and followed him about so continually, in so pointed a manner, and with so evident a purpose, that she became a positive nuisance to him. Being a very sensitive, and, according to reputation, a highly honorable young man, he naturally resented being constantly haunted, even by so attractive a flesh-and-blood creature as this. He had—be continues—just fallen into love with one of Plainfield's

HANDSOMEST AND SWEETEST YOUNG WOMEN,

and was so devoted to her, and had her so lovingly and faithfully and everlastingly on his mind and heart that the presence of the other was hateful and obnoxious. He avoided as much as possible the girl who now makes so serious a charge against him, and as soon as he could leave the house altogether without offending the family or compromising the reputation of himself or the girl, he did so. His first intimation of the charge she now makes against him is said to have come through his sweetheart, whose mind the fair complainant is alleged to have sought to poison against him.

No matter which of the two stories may be true, it remains a fact that the girl placed her case in the hands of a prominent and successful Newark lawyer and instructed him to bring

SUIT FOR \$50,000 DAMAGES.

Until recently, however, the lawyer contented himself with trying to secure from the young man and his friends a satisfactory sum in settlement of the case. The student has a host of influential people in sympathy with him, and they have succeeded in restraining him from paying money to hush up a charge of which they believe him innocent. A speedy suit in the courts is therefore promised. The young man and his friends consider the case one of grossest blackmail, and will

FIGHT IT TO THE BITTER END.

They claim that the young woman cares really nothing about her alleged wounded honor, and hold that she has merely developed a grasping, mercenary scheme to ruin the young man's reputation for the sake of lining her own purse. They threaten that if she attempt to drop the matter now they themselves will push it, either through a suit for slander or otherwise, so as to secure for him a complete vindication in the eyes of his sweetheart and all others. In whatever event, when the case comes to trial the names of various prominent and highly respected people will be dragged into it, and a great mass of sensational testimony that threatens to damage more than one fair reputation will be introduced.

Taking Plainfield's Club as a Model.

The Woman's Club, of Elmora, met on Wednesday at the house of Mrs. Clara. Mrs. Florence Howe Hall, of Scotch Plains, daughter of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, was the guest of the club. She gave an interesting account of the work of the Monday Afternoon Club of this city, and of the work proposed by the general federation of women's clubs. Mrs. Hall has just concluded an interesting course of lectures before the New York Club. "The Art of Conversation," "Social Usages," "The English Language as it is Spoken in the Best Society," were some of the subjects of this course. She has also delivered some of these same lectures in the Seminary here.

NEW OFFICERS OF FRANKLIN COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of Franklin Council, No. 41, Jr. O. U. A. M., held in their hall, last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter: Junior Past Councilor—Louis M. Dunavan. Councilor—A. R. Proud. Vice Councilor—Chas. W. Taylor. Outside Sentinel—Wm. A. Wilson. Inside Sentinel—H. D. Pangborn. Conductor—Chas. R. Baker. Warden—Oscar Terry.

I HAVE been a sufferer from catarrh for 25 years. I found immediate relief in the use of Ely's Cream Balm. Since using it I have not suffered a moment from headache, sore throat or loss of sleep. From what I previously suffered, caused by catarrh. I consider your Balm a valuable remedy.—H. O. Vassar, 34 Warren St., New York.

Ely's Cream Balm is worth its weight in gold as a cure for catarrh. One bottle cured me.—G. A. Lovell, Franklin, Pa.

—John King, agent for the Prudential Insurance Company, paid to Mrs. Hugo Weigman, Tuesday, \$525.40, the full amount of insurance on the late Mr. Weigman in that company. The rate paid to secure this amount was only 37 cents a week.

When your dealer sends you something "just as good" when Hires' Root Beer is asked for, the proper thing is to send it back. He delights in selling substitutes, because the profit is large.

Dr. Howard Crosby Has a Relapse. New York, March 27.—This morning Dr. Howard Crosby was in a very low condition. Grave fears are felt over the relapse, and a change is expected within 24 hours.

## A GIANT PREACHER.

A Wonderful Southern Plant Nearly Six Feet High.

A friend of mine, who has a delightful garden in New Orleans, was surprised one morning, while sauntering there, to see a strange, foreign-looking plant nearly six feet high, occupying a spot where no such plant had ever stood before.

Whence came it? What was it? Nobody knew. No one had noticed it growing. Yet there it stood, taller than most of us, rearing its head as if to look upon the broad Mississippi rolling by. It was like a Jack-in-the-pulpit—a giant Jack in a cathedral pulpit. Its footstalk was leafless, about two feet high and an inch and a half in diameter; in color, mottled green and white.

From the apex of this stalk grew the calyx—forming the pulpit—one leaf of many folds, soft and velvety, and of a dark reddish-brown, not unlike kelp in color. This leaf measured eighteen inches across in its widest part.

The mysterious stranger attracted much attention. No one could account for it. The gardener had not planted it, certainly, but thought it possible



THE GIANT JACK.

that the seed which produced it had been among some Mexican plants.

We watched the giant's growth with great interest, and learned the following facts of it and its successors.

While Jack is in infancy the tip of the calyx leaf, like that of our own wildwood flower, falls over the pulpit, shielding the young preacher from the wrath of the elements. But as Jack grows older and stronger, and pushes his inquisitive head higher, he thrusts aside the shelter and finally towers above it.

Jack, with his feet upon the floor of his pulpit, is nearly four feet high. He is a dark-red, sturdy-looking fellow, but in reality he is very delicate and will droop and wilt if touched. Moreover, he is hollow, for I peeped at him where his skin was cracked and found that there was nothing of him but his red-brown skin and its yellow lining.

While making this investigation I discovered too that Jack was a very offensive fellow.

At the base of the corolla, where his boots should have been, were millions of white seeds. I accidentally touched one, and the plant immediately gave forth an odor so unpleasant that I was obliged to run away. He loses this disagreeable characteristic as he grows older, however; for I saw him later, when he was preaching his sermon to a group of tiny toads who, nestled within his pulpit, the seeds had turned dark and I could touch them with impunity.

This New Orleans Jack is short-lived, only lasting a few days. As he surprised us by his first visit, so he continues to make unaccountable appearances, springing up unexpectedly in all parts of the garden, but never twice in the same place.—Mrs. B. C. Samuels, in Wide Awake.

## THE HUMMING-BIRD.

Habits and Regularities of the Popular Little Fellow.

The male invariably and savagely attacks the humble bee which dares to invade the flower over which the female hummer is hovering. As the bee cannot back up to the change in this instance it is placed at a disadvantage and is forced to flee before the impetuosity of the hummer flies. The hummer flies noisily. The whirr of wings is only discernible when hovering. Its speed has been estimated at from 160 to 200 miles per hour. Certainly when darting, its wings fan so rapidly as to be imperceptible. Although the male has a ruby patch covering not more than a half square inch, its entire lower parts seem aflame when it darts toward one. It greedily devours myriads of lice and insect life, almost, if not totally invisible to the human eye. An examination showed that the wings of a specimen shot in the act of alighting were covered with insects only fully revealed by the microscope. The saliva apparatus of the bird lies in the interior of its tongue. This minute organ has two tubes, which according to Wallace are used to draw in the honey from flowers. The bird, however, is insectivorous and feeds but scantily on the juices of flowers. It keeps a mucilaginous saliva through these tubes for the outer coating of the tongue to gather insects.

A female shot May 21 among the evergreens had ovarian organs which showed incipient stages of development, indicative that its breeding season had just begun. These birds are very common along the west shore of Lake Michigan and can be seen early owing to the beautiful weather prevailing before the adjoining country has recovered from the spring

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A Note of Warning to the New Investigating Committee.

Howard Fielding Tells How the Spirit of Harvey Blake's Grandmother Used Him as a Tobeagan and Then Used Him for Damages.

It is reported that a number of distinguished ladies and gentlemen have banded themselves together for the purpose of investigating the phenomena of spiritualism. They propose to get up a series of tests through which no fraudulent ghosts and very few of the genuine can ever pass successfully.

Let me hasten to say that it is not my purpose to criticize or ridicule these investigators. Some of them live in Boston and are thus above criticism, while others do not live in Boston and are therefore objects of pity rather than ridicule. Collectively, if they have a fault, it is that they are too good. The work requires somebody who is on rapport with iniquity, as a Boston gentleman remarked in tendering me an invitation to a spook-hunt in that city some years ago. I did not understand French at that time, so I simply thanked him, adding modestly that I had a good bringing-up, and hoped not to disappoint his expectations. I now perceive that I should have struck him with a club, but it is too late.

The hunt of which I have spoken was organized by spiritualists. They were honest believers who desired to expose fraud, as the surest way of giving the truth a chance. My intentions were as good as theirs, but I lacked discretion. I shall tell the story of the hunt as a warning to the above mentioned committee not to push investigation recklessly.

We were to expose a man who was temporarily named Morse. His wife materialized spirits through the power of a deceased Indian princess, who in life had been called Bright Eyes. Her vision must have been considerably dimmed in the mysterious hereafter or she would have been able to see through such a diaphanous fraud. Mrs. Morse, and would have refrained from having anything to do with her. When Mrs. Morse passed into a trance she was controlled completely by Bright Eyes that she could speak nothing but pure Chocowaw. Thus the ordinary auditor at one of her seances learned little or nothing about the eternal mysteries.

Our hunting party heard of this linguistic difficulty, and so we pressed into our service an ex-soldier who conversed fluently in Chocowaw. He could



BLAKE SEES HIS GRANDMOTHER.

also shoot the neck off a two-gallon demijohn at fifty paces, and afterward drink the entire contents, no matter what it happened to be. He was an accomplished gentleman.

He arranged the plan of campaign very carefully. To each was assigned his share of the work. Bill Adams, the cowboy, was to test the quality of Bright-Eyes' Chocowaw, after which he was to wait till the signal of attack should be given by Harvey Blake. This young man acted as a sort of guide to our party. He was a believer in spiritualism, who had come to the Morse seances in good faith, until their trickery became too thin to deceive even so partial a witness. The Morises thought that they had a sure grip on him, and so he could easily secure a front seat at the seance—a favor not shown to strangers. In his position of advantage he was to wait until a materialized spirit was well within his reach, and then he was to grab it, and yell. At his war-whop Adams was to overpower Morse; I was to assist in detaining the spooks; and others were to turn up the lights and quell any outbreak on the part of Morse's hearers, of whom there were a half dozen at every meeting.

I noticed them when I first entered the rooms on the evening selected for the exposure. They were short-haired middle weights who were engaged at fifty cents a head, as a body-guard. We were given a brief opportunity of examining the room, one corner of which was curtained off, making the usual cabinet. When the door was opened, Adams was in the front row with Adams and me just behind him. I estimated that of the thirty people present only about a third had come with a real desire to see and converse with the departed.

When the lights had been turned down a thin and faded spinster began to play hymn tunes on a consumptive cabinet organ in a manner calculated to disturb the eternal slumbers of their defunct composers if anything could. That they did not materialize and remove the organist hardened my unbelief as nothing else ever had. But young Blake, who was a very nervous fellow, found this waiting for ghosts in the grisly darkness very trying. He did not know which to fear most, the appearance of a genuine spook or the rough-and-tumble fight which was certain to follow a palpable fraud. He trembled so that I could feel his chair shake. Adams noticed it, too, and tried to quiet the young man's nerves.

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Blake's teeth began to chatter audibly. "I felt the gun," continued Adams, "while you fellows were looking over the room. I spent my time looking over Morse. He is my meat, and don't you forget it. Cheer up, my bloomin' shrub; I have a shooting iron in my booting, and it's twice as long as Morse's."

Blake gave a tremendous groan. By this time Mrs. Morse had gone into a trance and was jabbering in her alleged Chocowaw. Adams listened to it awhile and then he said: "I'm gambling that that don't come from the happy hunting grounds. If any poor Injun talks that lingo it must be because his sufferin' overpower him. Wait till I try the genuine article."

He spoke a few words in an Indian dialect, and then added in United States: "If the ghost of the old Chief Red-Eye isn't here in thirty seconds, the whole thing is a fake."

"Why so?" I inquired. "I just remarked in Red-Eye's native tongue," said Adams, "that I knew where there was a barrel of freewater on tap. No, no; he'd have been here before this. What evidence do you want? Speak your little piece, Blakey, my boy, and I'll open fire right over your shoulder."

Blake fell upon his knees, and reaching out his hands toward a white-robed figure which had just appeared out of the cabinet, he called her his dear old grandmother and asked if she had come to protect him. At this several women sobbed, but I was not deeply affected. This same figure had been out before. I recognized it as the bulky form of a fat woman whom I had seen skipping down the basement stairs just before the seance opened. But Blake said she was his grandmother, and an old fellow on the other side of the room recognized her as his daughter who had died at the tender age of eleven. I could not help feeling that this identification was complicated and doubtful; and I longed to make a sure thing of it by dragging the specter to some portion of the house where there was more light. It was evident that Blake was too badly frightened to give the signal; I could hear murmurs from various members of our party; and I was anxious to get away from Adams' revolver before it should go off by accident.

Moved by these considerations, I sprang over Blake's kneeling form, and seized the fat spook around the waist. She offered a very material resistance which became quite uncontrollable when Adams shot off his revolver into the ceiling and leaped upon Morse. After that I was not deeply affected. This same figure had been out before. I recognized it as the bulky form of a fat woman whom I had seen skipping down the basement stairs just before the seance opened. But Blake said she was his grandmother, and an old fellow on the other side of the room recognized her as his daughter who had died at the tender age of eleven. I could not help feeling that this identification was complicated and doubtful; and I longed to make a sure thing of it by dragging the specter to some portion of the house where there was more light. It was evident that Blake was too badly frightened to give the signal; I could hear murmurs from various members of our party; and I was anxious to get away from Adams' revolver before it should go off by accident.

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## TERRIBLE TEMPTATION.

James Struggled Very Hard and Triumphed Over a Bad Impulse.

It was a pretty little pocketknife, and deserved a better fate than to be forgotten by its owner, who had gone home from school and left it alone and unprotected on his desk. It had, however, caught the eye of one little fellow—James Donnelly by name—who, having often borrowed it, was keenly alive to its merits.

James was staying in after hours, mastering an example in arithmetic which during the day had mastered him; and now, having finished his work, was getting his few belongings together before going home, when his eye alighted on the knife. He picked it up, and gave each blade a separate and distinct admiration.

How any boy could forget such a treasure he did not see. He fairly longed for such a knife, with a longing that only a boy could feel who was obliged to do the great amount of his inevitable whittling with one that, in its palmist days, had boasted but a single blade, and bore, therefore, but a sad comparison to the little beauty that he now held in his hand, and which, the longer he held and the more he admired, the harder it seemed for him to replace.

The ever-ready tempter was at hand with his suggestions; but James hesitated, for, being in the main an upright little fellow, he could not deliberately take it without violence to his better self.

"No one will suspect you, and the owner will think he lost it," whispered the evil voice.

Still he hesitated, and still the desire to possess the knife was strong upon him. Right and wrong struggled for the mastery; until one more admiring glance, one more feeling of the bright blades, proved fatal. Quickly he slipped it into his pocket, and hurried out of the classroom without his chery "Good-afternoon!" that his teacher was wont to hear.

But she, being intent on the work of some other boys, soon forgot the omission.

He walked down the street with a feeling of anything but exhilaration at possession of the coveted knife. He changed it from one pocket to another, but somehow it seemed to be at home in none. Then he took it out and again looked at it; it certainly was pretty, but what pleasure would it bring to him if he must always hide it?

Suddenly his heart beat quicker, for one of his classmates was coming up the street, and James, with his burden of a guilty conscience, felt that his comrade would surely penetrate his guilt, and therefore he must avoid him.

Quickly he scrambled to the top of an old woodpile, and rejoiced to see that he had not been seen by the boy that ordinarily he would have been glad to meet.

While on top of the old boards, his better angel began asserting himself. He had never before been tempted to take what was not his, and he wished



THE ANGEL'S WHISPER.

the little knife was safe in its resting place in its owner's desk. The more he thought of it the worse his action seemed, and the inner voice of conscience was whispering: "Return it; school is not yet closed, and the class-room by this time is empty."

With an heroic effort he made up his mind to do so. Slowly he climbed down from his height, and slowly retraced his steps toward the school.

He opened the classroom door. How lonely and quiet it all seemed! The afternoon sun was coming through the windows, lighting up the walls and desks and brightening even the old blackboard.

He placed the knife where he had found it, and again hurried out of the classroom, but with what different feelings—with what a light heart!

Home in his own boyish fashion, he hid much thinking, and made up his mind hereafter to be straightforward and honest in spite of temptation.

Long years have passed since that afternoon, and he feels that he has been the better man for his boyhood's resolution—Golden Days.

Intelligence of Sparrows. In a secluded city street, a sparrow having by some mischance caught his foot in a slip knot of pack thread, the other end of which was attached to a water-pump, soon exhausted its strength in its attempts to escape. At length, apparently giving up hope, it hung at the end of the thread, uttering loud cries of pain. Soon all the sparrows in the neighborhood assembled and seemed greatly excited over their comrade's plight. After much chattering, a bright idea struck the mind of one wiser than the rest, and he told his plan to the others. Each sparrow took his place in a long line, and all went in turns, as in the sport of running at the ring, and in passing, struck the thread to one spot, were continued without intermission for nearly half an hour, when the thread was severed and the captive released to liberty.

His Nose Didn't Save Him. A man recently left his family and has not been found, although his nose turned up.—N. Y. World.



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