

Millheim on the T. & C. S. C. R. R. has a population of 600-700...

DOWN IN A CELLAR.

It was very dark without, and the wind blew in fitful gusts. The old oak in front of the house groaned...

Flora and I covered together in the parlor, more and more frightened as the hours went by.

"I never heard such strange sounds," I said. "Surely that was somebody on the stoop just now."

"Nonsense," cried Flora, looking around nervously, however. "It was only two nights ago," I replied...

"Rose," he said, "I take it, you proposed to me just now. I think I'll accept you, which is treating you better than you treated a certain suitor, a few days ago."

"Oh, Rose," she whispered, "some one is getting into the cellar. We shall all be murdered," and she wrung her hands helplessly.

that moment I saw a burly form creep through the window. My knees absolutely gave way under me...

But before I could move a step the trap door fell with a bang, and I knew I was shut in hopelessly with two, if not more burglars.

There was a horrible silence. But for the support the wall gave me, I would have sunk to the ground. Directly one of the ruffians tried to light a match.

My story, you see, is told. In a minute or two cousin Sam started for the cellar, but the burglars had taken the alarm and fled.

"I was covered with blushes. But what could I do? I did what a great many women, under similar circumstances, would have done—

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"That she did not entirely discourage his suit may be inferred from the fact that they had decided to marry and become as one on Christmas day, and every preparation was made for the consummation of their earthly hopes.

"What towards we are after all," I said to myself, boldly raising the trap door, and peering down into the cellar.

pected. Only one thing was wanted and that was the young man who was tearing out his hair in the snow bank.

Among the guests was a telegraph operator, and in a happy moment he was struck by a bright thought, and he lost no time in communicating it.

The young man was notified of what had taken place, and instructed to conduct himself accordingly. He was a little dazed by the scheme but soon recovered, and, taking his place at the side of the operator in the station, he announced that he was ready for business.

The young man was not there and yet he was married. The girl was not within forty miles of the man she loved, and yet she married him. It was the triumph of science over difficulties, and when finally the snow was cleared away and the husband and wife met for the first time, we doubt not that everything was as satisfactory as it would have been had their hands been clasped when they were made man and wife.

MOST ALWAYS THUS. About mid-afternoon the cry of "runaway—look out!" was started on Michigan avenue, near Cass St., by a dozen persons.

"Oh, I don't care about these few scratches. Where are the ladies whose lives I saved?" "There was no one in the sleigh," answered one of the crowd—"no one but a sack of buckwheat and a quarter of beef, and they are safe."

AN APPALLING RECORD. In this happy land, says the Cincinnati Commercial, 1,132 people were killed by their fellow men in 1878. We briefly summarize the killing as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Includes: Persons poisoned (25), Killed in political quarrels (18), Father kill sons (14), Insane murderers (13), Mothers kill their children (13), Men killed in common quarrels (228), Bar-room and drunken quarrels (74), Wives killed (68), Child murders (69), Accidental killings (28), Justifiable (4), Killings on account of dogs (2), Killings on account of wives (14), Card and gambling quarrels (6), Feuds (8), Parricides (6), Fatal quarrels about property (55), Mobs kill (79), Wives kill husbands (11), Officers kill persons (53), Officers killed (36), Fraternal fatal quarrels (14), Thieves shot (27), Colored people killed (112), Colored people kill (102), Persons killed on account of language or opprobrious epithets (13), Miscellaneous killings (57).

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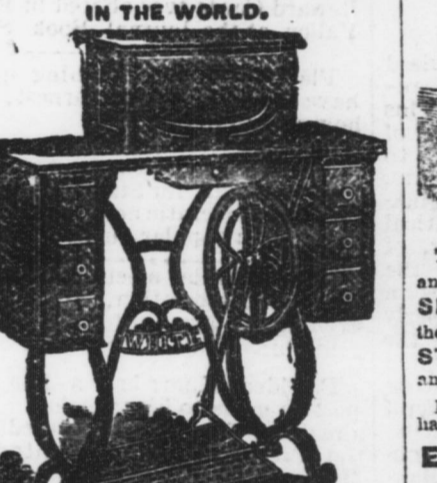
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