

A Young Doctor's Bill.

A romantic story is told by the Chicago Inter-Ocean. The charming daughter of a wealthy gentleman residing in the suburbs of Chicago was seriously ill, and finally her case was pronounced hopeless by all the eminent doctors summoned to attend her. As a last resort a young physician of the place was called in. He modestly but emphatically declared his ability to save the patient, and he was entrusted with the case. Constant watchfulness and unremitting attention were crowned with success. In a week the invalid began to improve; two weeks found her out of danger; in three weeks she could sit up, and at the end of four weeks she was well and could take long drives with her devoted doctor. He had indeed redeemed his pledge—had saved his charge. Here is the sequel:

One day, after the complete recovery of the young lady was positively assured, the father called the young doctor into his library. Taking him by the hand, he said: 'Young man, you have saved my daughter. I told you that if you did so you would be compensated at whatever price you choose to fix your services. I am now ready to carry out any part of the agreement, as you have so nobly done your work.' 'Do you really wish to pay me my own price?' asked the young doctor, anxiously. 'Indeed, I do, sir.' 'Then I ask you to give your daughter to me in marriage,' was the unexpected request. The old gentleman was naturally a little astonished at the nature of the answer. He hesitated a moment, then touched a bell. A servant answered. 'Tell Hattie to step here,' was the command. In a minute the daughter entered the room. The father and the doctor stood facing each other. 'Hattie,' said the old gentleman, 'do you feel that you have fully recovered?' 'I am as well as ever, father.' 'Do you imagine what your doctor wishes in compensation for his services in saving your life?' was the sternly-put question. 'No,' said the girl, anxiously, 'but I am sure he deserves anything reasonable.' 'But I consider his charge extortionate,' was the emphatic rejoinder. 'What is it, father, I feel sure that Doctor— would not be unreasonable?' 'Not unreasonable! Why, Hattie, he asks that I consent to his making you his wife. What have you to say to that?' Hattie blushed violently for a minute, her little foot played with the rug on the floor, then looking up archly, first at her father and next at the young doctor, who had meantime uttered no word, she said: 'You say, father, when I was sick all the other doctors gave me up and assured me nothing but death?' 'Yes, my daughter.' 'And Doctor— took my case under those circumstances, told you he would save me and nursed me back to health and life?' 'Yes.' 'Then, father, it strikes me that if I was an auditing committee and had to pass upon this bill, I'd argue that the one who brought me back to my health from apparent death would be pretty safe for me to be entrusted to when health was fully regained. I would check his bill O. K., and say nothing about extortionate charges.' The wedding will be duly celebrated in a very short time.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Florida will raise 3,000,000 boxes of oranges this season.

A hundred thousand dollars are left in charity by the will of the late Baron Rothschild.

Three hundred arrests have been made in connection with the latest plot to murder the Czar.

The fruit crop of this country, according to Mr. Marshall P. Wilder, is worth a hundred and forty millions a year.

The population of the United States increases at the rate of 32 per cent. every ten years. It will be 88,000,000 in 1900.

A drug trade journal is advertising a new patent medicine which is declared to be "the only specific for the fear of lightning."

The amount of money now in the United States, both paper and coin, has reached the comfortable sum of \$1,800,000,000.

One hundred miles in seven hours and eleven minutes, the fastest bicycle time yet made, is the record of Mr. George Smith, of London.

It is 3,023 miles from New York city to Mexico by one line of railway and 3,729 by the other. By water it is nearly twice that distance.

The Pullman Palace Car Company owns 1,148 sleeping cars and has 2,531 stockholders. The company has a surplus of over \$7,000,000.

A premium of \$30,000 is offered by the Mexican government to any one who will establish in that country a paper mill at a cost of \$150,000.

An Every Day Occurrence.

Once upon a time a Donkey fell into a deep hole, and, after nearly starving, caught sight of a passing Fox, and implored the stranger to help him out.

'I am too small to aid you,' said the Fox, 'but I will give you some good advice. Only a few rods away is a big, strong elephant. Call on him and he will get you out in a jiffy.'

After the Fox had gone the Donkey thus reasoned to himself: 'I am very weak for want of nourishment. Every move I make is just so much additional loss of strength. If I raise my voice to call the elephant I shall be weaker yet. No, I will not waste my substance that way. It is the duty of the elephant to come without calling.'

So the Donkey settled himself back and evidently starved to death.

Long afterwards the Fox, on passing the hole saw within it a withering skeleton, and remarked: 'If it is true that the souls of animals are transmigrated into men, that Donkey will become one of those merchants who can never afford to advertise.'—Philadelphia Call.

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He was a bashful wooer, but there was a certain manliness about him which indicated that he only needed a little encouragement to let himself out. She saw this, and she resolved on a policy of encouragement.

'Do you believe these stories in the funny papers,' she asked, 'about the willingness of young ladies to be kissed?'

'—I really can't say,' he replied. 'They may be true.' Then, gathering courage, he added: 'I hope they are true,' and he drew closer to her.

'It seems to me,' she said, 'that there is only one way in which a young man can discover whether they are true or not.'

'And what way is that?' he asked.

There was a brief pause. Then, with a far-away look in her eyes, she answered:

'By experimenting when he has an opportunity.'

He experimented.—Detroit Free Press.

SHOT AND STUFFED.

Little Dick—"What is those animals in that big window, mamma?"

Mamma—"That is a fur store window, and the animals are seals and bears."

"Is they alive?"

"Oh, no. They were shot and stuffed and then stood up to look as if they were alive."

"Who are those ladies in the window by them, mamma?"

"They are dressed up figures to show the new styles in furs."

"Aint the ladies alive?"

"No pet."

"Was they shot and stuffed, too?" Philadelphia Call.

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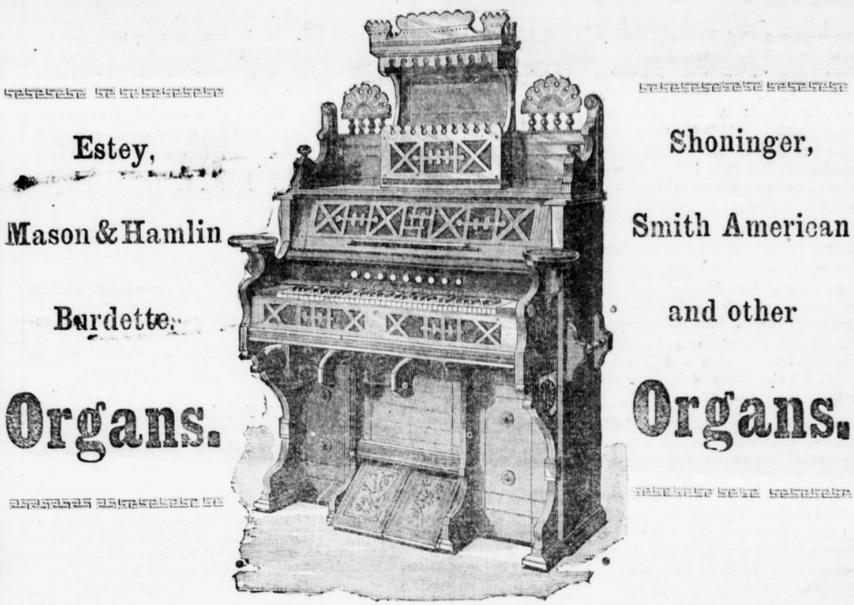
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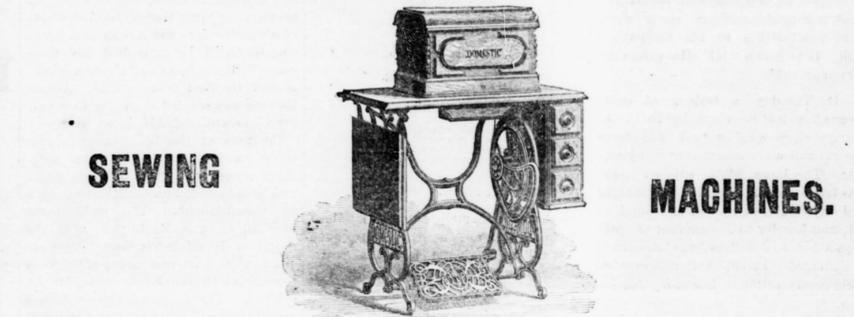
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