### His Breath Caught Fire.

Dr. George T. Beatson thus writes in the British Medical Journal: I have thought it right to put on record the following case, as it seems to me to be one of some rarity and to have some importance from a medico-legal point of view. I cannot do better than give the facts in the words of the patient himself, who communicated them to me by letter. He writes as as follows :

"A rather strange thing happened to myself about a week ago. For a month or so I was troubled yery much with foul eructations. I had no pain, but the smell of the gas which came from my stomach was disagreeable to myself and to all who happened to be in the room., About a week ago, as I said, I got up in the morning and lighted a match to see the time, and when I put 27-29 the match near my mouth to blow it out my breath caught fire and gave a loud crack like the report of a pistol. It burnt my lips and they are still a little sore. I got a terrible surprise, and so did my wife, for the report awakened her."

From the above occurrence it would appear that the conditions known as "halitosis," or diseased breath, is not only a source of misery to the sufferer and those compelled to associate with him, but may, under certain circumstances, become a condition of danger to the unfortunate possessor of it. In the present instance the gaseous results of the imperfect'y digested food had their atoms of carbon and hydrogen so arranged as to give rise to the presence of carbureted hydrogen, the inflammable and explosive qualities of which came into play when mixed with a due proportion of atmospheric air in presence of the ungarded light of the burning match. I may add that the patient to whom this accident happened is a most intelligent and observant man, nl that the diet I perscribed for the indigestion from which he suffers from PENN'S CAVE HOUSE. time to time has alcohol excluded from it, and I know that my instructions in that respect are acted upon.

#### One Good Deed Begets Another.

A friend related an incident to me to-day about Mr. James W. Scoville, of Oak Park, which will be of interest to the people who assembled the other afternoon to witness the laying of the corner-stone of the Scoville institute in that charming suburb. The great distinction between different philanthropists is that some of them give their money in their lifetime and others give it after they are dead and have no use for it themselves. Mr. Peabody, of blessed memory, was moved to make one fourth of a mile in length, with its wonderhis princely benefactions by reading on a tombstone in London of a man who had bestowed large sums of money "in his lifetime," and Mr. Scoville was similarly affected by an incident that befell him in the Cooper institute in New York. While he was in the office of the institute a clerk came in with a plumber's bill which he had gone out to pay, and informed the officers that the plumber refused to take any pay for his work. When asked for an explana. tion he said that he was a prosperous man and that he owed it all to Peter When he was a hopeless, pen Cooper. niless lad on the streets of New York he had beer, taken up and given an ed. ucation at the Cooper institute, and he could never charge Mr. Cooper for any. thing. Mr. Scoville was at once pene trated with the idea that the greatest happiness that any human being can feel was to do good in his lifelime, and live to see the effect of it and to enjoy the gratitude of his beneficiaries.

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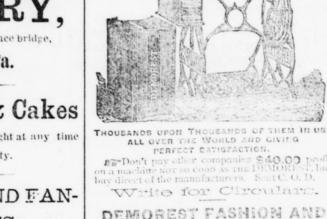


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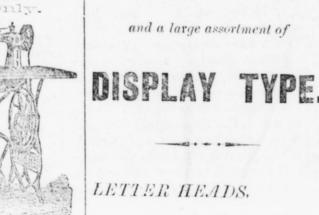
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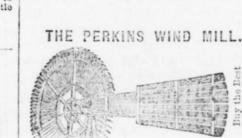
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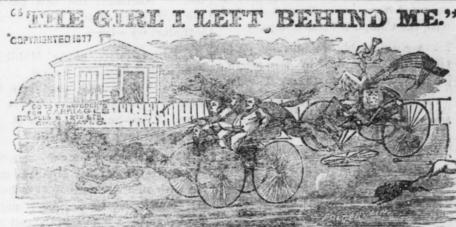
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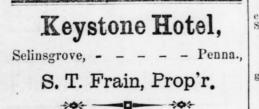
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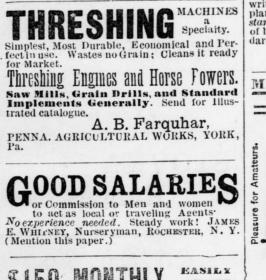


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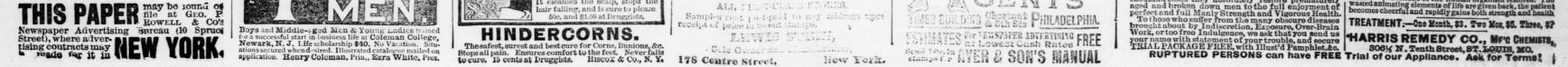
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