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NEW GROCERY AND LIQUOR STORE.—The undersigned would beg leave to announce to the citizens of Blair county and vicinity that he has opened his new Store on *Virginia street, three doors below the Superintendent's Office*, where he has just received from the East and West a large assortment of

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Altoona, May 26, 1859.–tf

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July 14, 1859.–tf

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Sept. 20, 1860.

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Jan. 27, '59–tf

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Altoona, Feb. 9, 1860.–tf.

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His thoughts were on his mountain home
Some thousand miles away.
He called his comrades to his side,
For much had he to say,
In briefest time of those that were
Some thousand miles away.

My father, comrades, you will tell
About this bloody fray;
My country's standard, say to him,
Was safe with me to-day.
I've made a pillow of it now
On which to lay my head—
A winding sheet you'll make of it
When I am with the dead.

I know it will grief his inmost soul,
To think that never more
I'll set with him beneath the oak
That shades his cottage door.
But tell the time-worn patriot,
That reminded of his fame,
That on this bloody battle field
I sullied not his name.

My mother's form is with me now—
Her walls are on my ear;
As drop by drop, as flows my blood,
So flow from her the tears;
Oh! then when you shall tell to her
The tidings of this day,
Speak softly, comrades, softly speak
What you may have to say.

Speak not to her in hurried tones,
When this blighting news you hear;
The chords of life may snap to soon—
So, comrades, have a care.
I am her only cherished child;
But tell her that I died
Rejoicing that she taught me young
To take my country's side.

But, comrades, there is one I fain
Once more to look upon;
She lives upon the sloping hill
That overlooks the lawn;
The lawn where I shall never more,
In spring time's sunny hours,
Go forth with her in many wood
To gather woodland flowers.

Tell her, when death was on my brow,
And life receding fast,
Her face, her form, her parting words,
Were with me to the last.
On Buena Vista's bloody field,
Tell her I dying lay,
And that I knew she thought of me
Some thousand miles away.

Select Miscellany.

THE MINER'S FEARFUL RESOLVE.

A TALE OF CALIFORNIA.

BY WM. JARED HALL.

During the period of twelve years subsequent to 1848, San Francisco, California, was the theater of more startling events than probably any other city on the American continent.

This was a natural consequence attending the rapid increase of population in that city, and the flooding of the adjacent country with eager fortune hunters.—Every steamor that arrived landed hundreds, perhaps thousands, of adventurers, who came from all parts of the globe, and rushed into this land of promise like a mighty invading army, comprising among their number men and women of every character, color and profession.

There was no friendly feeling or common sympathy expressed among them.—Avariciousness was the preponderating disposition which characterized all their movements. There appeared to be but one desire, and that was Gold! Gold! To obtain which, principles, peace and life were freely sacrificed.

If an authentic history of California, during the period alluded to, could be written, presenting in truthful colors all the dark deeds of atrocity—let them be minutely detailed, and what a book it would make! The most wild and imaginative fancy of the most prolific brain, could not surpass the truth in pictures of thrilling incidents.

We now propose to rehearse one short scene from the great Drawer of Life, as it was enacted in that city; and in doing so we would take the reader back to a dark stormy night in the month of September, 1844.

At that period there was a small frame building, conveniently located, being but a short distance from the wharf, where the steamers landed their passengers. The house was occupied as a boarding establishment, and like many others of a similar character, the bar-room constituted the most prominent feature.

The tenement was one story and a half high, and about eighteen by twenty-four feet on the ground. It stood upon four large blocks of wood, one at each corner, which raised the first floor about three feet above a pool of stagnant water, and the entrance to the building was effected by means of a dry goods box, turned down in front, answering the purpose of more convenient steps.

The lower portion of the structure contained but two apartments—a bar-room and dining hall. The latter was also used for kitchen and larder. The attic or loft was partitioned off into several small dormitories, with fragments of old canvass, hanging at the entrance, as succedaneum for doors.

The furniture of each apartment consisted of two coarse dirty blankets, spread on the bare floor, a small tick filled with straw for a pillow and one wooden stool. These articles constituted the entire accommodations of each chamber; and the price for the *luxury* was *one dollar a night.*

In one of these attic rooms, on the night to which we allude, was a man, who was walking slowly two and fro with a sad, dejected countenance. On a stool near the blanket-bed was a lamp which filled the little room with a pale flickering light, yet sufficient to reveal the expression upon the man's features.

His arms were folded, his eyes fixed in a steady gaze on the floor and his thoughts seemed busy wrapping his soul in silent, profound meditation.

His habiliments were course, his hair long and his beard thick and heavy; but his high brow, keen black eye, and finely cut lip, denoted a man of intelligence, and his movements evinced on air of refinement far above his present position.

It was evident that something unusual had befallen the man—some sudden misfortune which had taken a deep hold upon his thoughts.

Having continued his walk for some time, he halted abruptly, removed the lamp from the stool and placed it on the floor. He then seated himself, bowed his face forward in his hands, rested an elbow on either knee, and gave utterance to the following strange soliloquy:—

"Fate has followed me since the days of my childhood. At eighteen years of age I fell in love with a beautiful young lady. She was poor in worldly goods but superlatively wealthy in goodness of heart and disposition. She was a seamstress, and obtained her living by going from home in the capacity of a sewing girl. I loved her with all my youthful ardor—fondly and truly; but my parents were rich, aristocratic, and forbade our union, simply because she was poor. Opposition only served to increase our love, and we were married. Father became desperate, and cast me off. He refused me to visit my former home. Anticipating this, I had previously provided myself a situation as clerk in a store. And for a year we lived in the most perfect happiness. If I had continued there, I might have avoided these misfortunes; but the California gold fever broke out, and everybody was going to the land of promise where they could scrape up shovel fulls of the precious metal without an effort. I caught the flattering contagion, and pictured in the future a palace home, with the luxuries of wealth, opulence and ease. Mary would sometimes lean over my shoulder, and whisper in my ear: "Better let well enough alone;" but I wanted to be rich, and imagined if I could only go and remain a few months, I should be worth even more than my father—a desideratum greatly to be desired. After many tears and entreaties, she consented to my proposal, and I left her at her father's, where she was to remain until I returned, little dreaming that I should never see her again. That was four years ago. Every expression of her features at that time is indelibly impressed upon my heart, and will never be effaced. With hopeful anticipation I came to this country, expecting to return in one year; but, O, how disappointed!

"There's no use in my thinking of what followed. I worked day and night, subsisted on the coarsest diet, and slept on the cold, damp earth, with nothing but the broad starry canopy of heaven for a covering yet with all this I could not earn enough to pay my board bill!

"A few weeks after my arrival I was taken sick, and for one year lived, God only knows how. The dogs at home fared better than I did. Finally I recovered my health, but my garments were reduced to rags, and money I had none. In this condition I worked my way back into the country, and commenced operations in the mines. Days, weeks, months and years I continued my labor incessantly, but gained nothing above a scanty subsistence. In this manner I became discouraged, and many dark thoughts entered my head. Occasionally I would hear from home, and these letters were far more precious to me than gold. O, that I had wings and could fly, how soon I would return!

"In this manner I lived till about two weeks ago, when I chanced to find a lump of gold sufficient in value to take me home. I did not pause to consider, but gathering my tools, came directly to this place, calculating to take the first steamer for New York. Unfortunately I found there would be no chance of leaving under ten days. Last night, while sitting in the bar-room, I was robbed. I had accidentally fallen asleep on a bench, and in this condition my money was taken from me. I awoke as the thief was leaving my side, and accused him of the theft, but he only drew a revolver, and asserted if I repeated the words again, he would blow my brains out. I knew the man to be a professional gambler, and I knew where he lodged. There was no law which could be brought to bear in vindication of my rights, and I resolved to avenge myself. This night he dies! To-morrow there will be two graves. O, Mary! Mary! forgive me, and may God bless you!"

Having given utterance to these words in a scarce audible tone, he arose, wrapped an old shawl around his shoulders, extinguished the lamp, and passed from the chamber.

A few moments thereafter, he was walking briskly along through a dark street in the direction of a large hotel, before which he paused and gazed earnestly around him. It was nearly midnight, yet the streets, hotels, saloons and gambling hells were thronged with people, as a steamer that evening had landed a large pile of passengers.

The man to whom we allude did not pause long, but quietly entered the hotel, and without apparently noticing any person, though the office was crowded with loungers, ascended the stairs with the air of one familiar with the locality.

The moment, however, that he had reached the landing above, he halted and gazed along the narrow hall, and listened attentively. Then drawing his cloak around him, he crept cautiously forward.

Again he paused; this time in front of a door, and he held his ear close to a crevice. In this position he could hear the labored breathing of a person apparently asleep, and carefully he tried the door.—It opened, and he stepped into the apartment. Every object was shrouded in total darkness, yet the man moved forward with a Bowie-knife grasped in his hand.

He stood by the side of the bed, yet not a muscle moved, or a nerve shook.—His lips were compressed, his teeth set, and with a firm grasp he held the murderous weapon.

Cautiously he removed a dark lantern from his pocket, and turned it so as to afford him the means of making a fatal stroke. As the light rested upon the features of the sleeper, he started back. The movement awaked the intended victim, who gazed wildly upon the intruder.

The knife fell from the would-be assassin's hand, and exclaimed:

"My God! Mary! you here!"

A piercing scream was the response, when, springing from the bed, the two were clasped in each others arms.

This was a fortunate as well as unexpected meeting, for it not only saved the lives of two persons, but united husband and wife, after an absence of four years.

She had despaired of his return, and fearing the worst had come to seek him, bringing with her sufficient money to carry them both back to New York.

The first steamer that sailed from San Francisco, carried with her two very happy persons—WARREN AND MARY INGERSOL.

MRS. SWISSHELM ON BABIES.—A majority of babies are to their mothers what a doll is to a little girl—something to dress—a means of displaying odds and ends of finery, and exhibiting one's tastes. If infants were treated on the principle on which a good farmer treats lambs, goslings, chickens, pigs, &c., viz: Well fed and kept warm, they would live and grow, just as well-cared for goslings live and grow; and we never knew one die. Dutch babies wear caps; and how could any lady of taste have her baby look like a Dutch baby? Just so; and Dutch babies generally live, laugh, and grow fat, for they are "smothered in flannel," and feathers, and kept all in "a sweat." Dutch mothers do not keep their babies for model artist exhibitions. They cover them up, keep them warm and quiet, and raise a wonderful number of sturdy boys and girls. We treated our baby on the Dutch plan, and never lost a night's sleep with her.

☞ A married lady being asked to waltz gave the following appropriate answer:

"No! thank you, sir, I have as much hugging at home as I can attend to."

☞ There is a girl of twenty-one in the prison at Morgantown, Va., who has become hopelessly addicted to the use of tobacco.

☞ The virtue of forgiveness