

INFORMATION UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

Sportsman, (hurriedly), I say, Pat did you see that hare pass this way? Tell me quick."

Pat, (leaning on his pick), "Sure now, and was the creature ye speak of, a long-legged, gray daste?"

S. "Yes, yes, did you see him?"

P. "An' had he two great, round eyes a starin' wide open?"

S. Of course. Tell me, quick, where did you see him?"

P. Sure now, and had the creature big ears atop of his head?"

S. "Certainly you fool where do you suppose his ears would be? Which way did he run?"

P. "Och sure an' that was the same murtherin baste, that nearly frightened the wits out of me. And didn't he lape like a frog wid a sharp stick afther him? an' didn't he carry a wan bunch o' cotton wid him a bobbin' up and down ivery lape he made?"

S. "Yes, yes,—don't keep me waiting. Tell me quick!"

P. "An' was there two yilping dogs a tearin' afther him like mad?"

S. "How long ago did you see him?"

P. "Arrah now and why wasn't ye afther axin' me that same quistion an hour ago. Sure, an' it was Pat Mcelligan's own self as saw the quare baste, only last wake, and—

S. "Confound your Irish picture," (running.)

P. "Well, yees not much of a gentleman to thank a poor hard working Irishman in that way, for his valuable information."

UNFORTUNATE COMPLIMENTS.—It is related of a Parisian portrait painter that, having recently painted the portrait of a lady, a critic, who had just dropped in to see what was going on in the studio, exclaimed, "It is very nicely painted; but why did you take such an ugly model?"—"It is my mother," calmly replied the artist. "Oh, pardon a thousand times!" cried the critic in the greatest confusion; "you are right—I ought to have perceived it, she resembles you completely."

WELSH CLERGYMAN applied to his diocesan for a living. The Bishop promised him one, but as the clergyman was taking his leave he expressed hopes his lordship would not send him into the interior of the principality, as his wife could not speak Welsh. "Your wife, sir," said the Bishop, "what has your wife, to do with it? She does not preach, does she?" "No, my lord," said the parson, "but she lectures."

FIFTY YEARS AGO an old woman named Brown, the wife of a Deal boatman, had charge and kept the key of a Deal Theatre. The manager calling upon her preparatory to commencing the summer season, asked: "What sort of a winter have you passed, Mrs. Brown?" "Dreadful, sir," she replied. "If a kind Providence had not sent us two or three wrecks, I don't know what would have become of us."

In Chicago, husbands are said to be so fearful of divorce, that they add to their announcements of future movements the letters "W. P.," which mean "wife permitting."

BUSH HOUSE,

D. G. BUSH, Prop'r

BELLEFONTE, PA.

This large and beautiful New Hotel is

NOW OPEN

for the accommodation of the traveling public and summer boarders. The House contains

ONE HUNDRED ROOMS

which are being furnished in elegant style. It is convenient to the Depot and is reached without any extra expense or trouble. The table will always be furnished with the best the market affords. No trouble or expense will be spared to make its guests comfortable.

Ample stabling is provided, attended by careful and attentive ostlers.

THE BUSH HOUSE.—It is a title saying, that the good men do is often interred with their bones, while the evil which they do, lives after them. Our townsman Mr. D. G. Bush, whom we have long since come to regard as irrepressible, has, as we are pleased to believe, fewer follies, than in the general distribution of such things, fall to the lot of other men, and as a consequence he has in his actions, but little to regret, while for evidences of his enterprise, his unyielding energy, and thoughtful care for the comfort and convenience of others, we have but to look around us. He has, in the numerous additions which he has made to our town, built monuments that will for years keep alive in the memories of our people, the recollections of his unflagging enterprise, to which at present there seems to be no let up. Among the latest, as it is the greatest of his many improvements, is the Bush Hotel; and as this institution will contribute in no small degree to the comfort of the public, we have deemed something more than a passing notice due it. The building which is four stories high, has a front of 148 feet, with two wings each 120 feet. There are on the first floor the office of the Bellefonte NATIONAL, a book store, drug store, grocery store, a plumbing, gas, and steam fitting establishment, a tobacconist, barber shop, restaurant, together with several offices. A branch of the Western Union Telegraph office is located in the office of the hotel.

Six very comfortable offices are found on the second floor of its west wing. The building contains three elegantly furnished parlors, and upwards of one hundred bed rooms, which are models of neatness and comfort. Two tons of hair were used in the making of the mattress, which with the one hundred sets of Tacker's spring bed bottoms on which they are placed, makes one drowsy to look at them, and while reclining upon them one cannot help thinking that Sancho Panza's idea of luxury was correct, when he said "blessings on the man who invented sleep." Seventy-seven sets of marble furniture add in no small degree to the cozy appearance of the rooms, all of which are lighted with gas and furnished with bells. A very pleasant verandah is found on the west wing; while on the east wing is one of 120 feet length, overlooking the river, which

is known throughout central Pennsylvania, and to not a few Philadelphia ns, as the home of innumerable trout. We mention this, to fisherman, perhaps one of the most pleasant features connected with the establishment, is something unusual. Just think of it ye followers of Linnac Walton. One hundred and twenty feet of granite front, with yourselves softly seated in arm chairs, pulling up on the verandah the speckled beauties." Speaking tubes in the office communicate with all the floors, and one and a half miles of bell wire puts the clerk in direct communication with every work in the building. A pair of water closets, and bath rooms, is found on each floor. The halls, on the second and third floors, which are eighteen feet wide, run the entire length of the building. With regard to the matter of personal safety, we need only say, that the building has been so arrayed that in case of fire three places of egress exist which will furnish ample accommodations in case of accident.

An addition is now making to the main building, which is intended for a billiard room, and will contain six tables. Mr. Bush has purchased the meadow, which adjoins the Bellefontespring, and is having it fitted up with croquet grounds, and ten pin alleys. A large and commodious stable is attached to the hotel. For fine drives and beautiful mountain scenery, this neighborhood is unsurpassed by any section of the State. The Bush House will be open for summer boarders, by the 1st of May, at rates ranging from eight to twelve dollars per week. With exception of the Herdle House, the Bush House is the largest hotel in the State, outside of Philadelphia. We must not omit mention of the kitchen department, which to sum up all in brief, is complete in all its details. The London Kitchener, which was put in by Hulley & Co., is capable of cooking for from six to eight hundred persons.

The gas fitting for the establishment has been admirably done by the Messrs. Croll & Turner, of Williamsport.

The bells, bell-pipe and engravings were arranged by Lewis Wigman, of No. 1010, Pine St. Philadelphia, while the painting and graining has been executed by Messrs. Williams and Cannon, in their own most

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It has an available capital of over \$786,000, which furnishes the most ample indemnity to its policy holders.

It has been in successful operation over fifteen years, during which time it has paid over six hundred losses, amounting to over 350,000, WITHOUT ANY ASSESSMENTS.

Its rates of Deposit Notes are much lower than those of other Mutuals. It has furnished its members cheaper insurance than any other Company, doing a general business, in Pennsylvania.

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It has built up a permanent business, and is a permanent institution.

Its receipts the past year, have been nearly fifty per cent greater than those of any previous year.

It issues both Mutual and Cash Rate Policies, as applicants may elect. No part of the premiums paid goes into the pockets of stockholders hence insurance is furnished at its actual cost.

It saves to its mutual members, 20 to 30 per cent on the cost of stock-rate insurance.

Its losses are liberally adjusted, and promptly paid.

The rates are as low the safety of the Company, and the avoidance of Annual Assessments, will warrant

It is prudently and economically managed.

It has one DOLLAR assets for every TWENTY-SEVEN dollar insured.

STATEMENT OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS FROM Apr. 1868 to Apr. 1869

Amount of cash assets April 1, 1868	\$ 11,850 00
Premiums received during the year	818,484 38
Interest received during the year	4,226 79
	834,561 17
	163,711 17
	670,850 00

Am't Paid Losses	\$78,142 00
Commissions, re-insurance and Rents	29,323 00
Salaries of Officers and Clerks	4,120 00
Taxes and Revenue	5,877 40
Advertising Losses	1,850 75
Printing, Advertising, &c.	443 09
Books, Stationery, &c.	510 76
Postage	329 23
Fees, Directors and Executive Committee	134 43
Office Furniture, Fixtures, Fuel, &c.	128 13
Agency Office Signs	107 00
Telephone, Repairs and Exchange	98 75
	\$117,222 00

Amount of Net Cash Assets, \$117,222 00
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