

The Democratic Watchman.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

A Lunatic Colony.

Of the many visitors to Antwerp or Ghent, only a few have heard of the strange town of Gheel, and scarcely any have thought it worth their while to visit it.

At Gheel, a large portion of the population consists of insane persons, who share in all the daily toils and pleasures of their sane fellow-citizens.

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A Curious Incident

Who can say, after reading this little story, that truth is not nearly as strange as fiction.

A young man, a mechanic by trade, passed the evening in Brooklyn, about six weeks ago, and was returning to New York on the ferry boat at twelve.

At a meeting of the council at Leavenworth, Kansas, it is reported that one of the city fathers arose and delivered himself thus: 'Mr. Mayor and gentlemen of the Council, let us lay our heads together and make a wooden pavement.'

After waiting about the ferry house some time, he took the captured articles home. Of course he expected that they would be speedily advertised, for the satchel, which was locked, and the umbrella, were well worth a reward.

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A Fighting Man.

One of the generals of the "Lost Cause," says that at the time of the attack upon Fort Pillow the Confederates had converted a Mississippi boat into a cotton-clad, the mate of which was a big, double-fisted sample of a river-bully.

Just before we came into the fight he came swaggering up to me and said: "Well, General, I suppose when one side or the other's licked, you big men'll quit and shake hands?"

"Yes, Jim," said I, "when the fight is over I expect every man to go home and attend to his business."

"That ain't me," Jim said, smiting his left palm with his fist like a sledge hammer, "for if ever I catch a Yank south of Cairo, I'm going to smash him."

A Texan shell that came whistling over the boat interrupted any further remarks just then, and shortly after we were putting away at the Federal boat in about as hot a fire as I ever want to see.

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A Scandalous Show.—Singular and Startling Developments.

In one of the most flourishing villages of this country there was a recent occurrence which merits chronicling. A dry goods merchant went to New York for stock, and among the articles purchased, brought home three shawls of a most remarkable pattern and unlike anything ever seen in the village.

For the purpose of telling the singular, yet truthful story of these shawls, we shall improvise names instead of using real ones. Mr. McElrath, the merchant, opened out his stock on Tuesday, and the fame of the shawls immediately spread.

When Miss Grit and her mamma heard that Miss Pounce had carried off the second shawl, they were consumed with jealousy, and immediately set to work to devise ways and means to secure the scarlet and white shawl.

At dinner the attempt was to be made, said Grit, (for some unaccountable reason) did not come home to dinner. The good Mrs. Grit, moved by her daughter's tears and pleadings during the afternoon, at last consented to allow Angelina to buy the last of the coveted shawls without the consent of papa.

Who had bought it? was the next question. Mr. was disposed to be reticent, but finally told Miss Grit that her father had bought the shawl, and, undoubtedly, intend to surprise her.

Angelina was happy. She ran right home and told her mother. "Pa" came home to tea, but said nothing about the shawl.

"He thinks he's keeping it awful secret," said Angelina. "He don't intend to let me know it until I'm dressed for church to-morrow."

Sunday morning came, but to Angelina's surprise no shawl was forthcoming. She went to church dejected. Mrs. Fiskin was there in her purple and white shawl, and Miss Pounce was there in her blue and white shawl.

In Switzerland, a milkmaid who is a good singer gets more salary than others, because under the influence of music cows "give down" better and give more milk.

Josh Billings says "Most people decline to learn only by their own experience, and I guess they are more than half right, for I don't suppose a man could get a correct idea of molasses candy merely by letting another feller taste it for him."

Here is a boy down east who is accustomed to go out on a railroad track and imitate the steam whistle so perfectly as to deceive the officer at the station. His last attempt proved eminently successful, the depot master came out and "switched" him off.

A California clergyman, Rev. J. M. Woodman, predicts an awful famine next year, succeeding seven years of plenty, which he says he had. Like Joseph, he has gone to building granaries in which to store away his year's crop.

A Davenport, Iowa, paper, tells of a colored man who was caught in the gearing of a brick machine, and crushed to a jelly. The negroes are trying to sell the remains of the deceased as blackberry jam.

There is said to be in the Crawford and Venango oil regions one man who enjoys an income of \$3,000 per day, and another whose income reaches the enormous sum of \$7,200 daily, or \$5 per minute.

If hens would do as much laying around as loggers do, eggs would be as plenty as bank robberies.

Helmbold's Column.

ADDRESS TO THE NERVOUS AND DEBILITATED, WHOSE SUFFERINGS HAVE BEEN PROMPTLY TREATED, AND WHOSE CASES REQUIRE PROMPT TREATMENT, TO RENDER EXISTENCE DESIRABLE.

If you are suffering, or have suffered from involuntary discharges, what effect does it produce upon your general health? Do you feel weak, debilitated, easily tired? Does a little extra exertion produce palpitation of the heart? Do your liver, urinary organs, or your kidneys, frequently get out of order?

Now, render, self-abuse, venereal diseases badly cured, and sexual excesses, are all capable of producing weakness of the generative organs. The organs of generation, when in perfect health, make the man, Did you ever think that those bold, debant, energetic, persevering successful business men are always those whose generative organs are in perfect health?

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