Democratic Watchman Dave, but his hair was lighter and thin-

Bellefonte, Pa., July 31, 1891.

MOTHERHOOD.

I hold within my arms to-day, A priceless bit of mortal clay; Divinely fashioned, and so fair The angels well may kinship share.

My soul with gratitude is filled : My heart with mother love is thrilled; My eyes brim o'er with newborn joy, While gazing on my cherub boy.

O, precious one ! through tears I see A mighty task awaiting me; My happy sky grows overcast— Life's duties loom so grand, so vast.

To shield from wrong, to right incline This little life now linked to mine. Divine the gift. Oh, may the mould A heart of truth and honor hold.

Help me, kind Heaven, to know the way From out the tangles of each day, To guide him safe to manhood's prime, And all the glory shall be Thinc.

A Clever Impostor.

Even the Father Deceived by a False Prodigal Son,

One of the prominent families of Beaver county, Pa., in early times, was that of General John Mitchell. He was born in Perry county, Pa., 1781. In 1800 he changed to Bellefonte, Centre county, where he lived until 1842, when he removed to Beaver county to become first paymaster on the Erie canal, and subsequently superintendent of the Beaver division of that water thoroughfare. Prior to his removal he had been sheriff, and subsequently served two term in congress. The position of sup-erintendent of the Erie canal he held until the time of his death in the terrible scourge of cholera in August, 1849.

Gen. Mitchell had one son, David A. and two daughters, Martha J. and Nancy H. The last became the wife of Dr. J. H. Dickson, of Pittsburg, both of whom were, when last heard from, living in the ex-Smoky city. My story in-volves Gen. Mutchell and his two children, David and Nancy, together with a former resident of Washington county. It involves the intricate points of personal identity and shows how affection and credulity may be deceived and imposed upon by the cunning and intelligent rogue. David A. Mitchell was born at Belle-

fonte, on Jan. 20, 1818, and at the age of 24 went with his father to Beaver county. When the Mexican war broke out he enlisted in Company K, First regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was mustered into service at Pittsburg on Christmas day, 1846. His company, known as the "blues." was commanded by Capt. Alexander Hays, and the regiment by Col. Wynkoop, though Lieut. Col.Samuel Black, a Pittsburg attorney, was practically in charge during the the greater part of its service. As soon as the regiment was organized and equipped, it started for the scene of ac-Descending the Ohio and Missistion. sippi, it landed finally at Veral Cruz, where David was wounded in the ankle. This, however, did not deter him from accompanying his regiment toward Mex-Many of the men were terribly with diarrhoea, and had to be left in the hospitals of Perote. David, one of the unfortunate victims, was discharged from the service and with others started homeward. Having no ambulances, they started on foot for the coast, and finally reached Jalapa, but could go no farther. Owing to the lack of sanitary conditions at that point, they returned to Perote, where David died June 6, 1847. The day prior to his death David wrote to his father a letter describing his condition, but owing to the imperfect mail facilities of those times it was not received until the following November, when it arrived accompanied by one from Dr. Reynold's, the surgeon of the regiment. Nothing further was heard from him directly; nor could it be ex-pected until the war closed. Here we must introduce another phase of David's history in cornection with home scenes. In the month of June, 1848, Gen. Mitchell, then superintendent of the Beaver division of the canal, on which both father and son were well and favorably known, received from an innkeep-er at Conneautville a letter, saying that David Mitchell was at the inn. Discrediting the story, the General wrote for particulars, and was shortly greeted with a reply signed, "Your son, D. A. Mitchell." The letter declared the alleged death in Mexico a mistake, and of people still consider it a remarkable stated that he (David) was ashamed to return to his father's house because of recent hard drinking -- a practice foundest mystery. He was never heard The hand writing so thoroughly resembled David's that there was supposed to be no possibility of a fraud in the premises. The father was convinced that his lost boy was yet alive. Though not addicted to weeping he shed tears of joy. That evening he and his daughter Nancy and her husband left on the canal boat for Conneautville. When, after a tedious trip, they reached the place, don't settle old accounts with God or they learned that the supposed son had which the innkeeper was deeply inter-ested, and which made him believe that the personage was David) the General proceeded with his party in a carriage, through a pouring rain, across the country, some seven or eight miles, to Lineshad been scrutinizingly scanned and studied by the pretended son as afford-ing a clew to the contractor's and the statute of limitation paying ing a clew to the contractor's system of penmanship. The Linesville innkeeper likewise pronounced his guest the veritable David Mitchell, and said he was lying asleep on a settee. Going to the room and shaking him the General said: "My son, wake up." Looking up, the sleeper said: "Why, father, is that you ? In her account of this meeting, as detailed in a letter to the writer of this sketch, Mrs. Dickson(nee Nancy Mitchell) says: "That (question) was enough for father; but he would not let me see until he had shaved and had his clean wait until night for the boat. They fixed him up and put him to bed; and clothes, I went in. He looked like more fatal missiles.

ner, and his beard black-Dave's was He had moles on his cheek like 8 POINTS David's. On his hand he had a scar exactly like David's where he had cut his hand when a boy. He kept his mouth covered (some one had told him his mouth was not like David's). He said it was sore-he was salivated. I took the handkerchief off and made him open his mouth. I was so frightened ; I knew it was not David's teeth nor mouth. I ran down stairs and screamed for father. He and the doc tor(Dickson) came, and father was very angry saying I must not go near him again until I could treat him as my brother, and never say again that he was not David. The doctor said, too, it was

David. "I saw him on the boat, and I did try to believe it was my brother, I was afried to speak of it to anyone. Father was devoted to him, and I was kept busy working and waiting on him. Reaching Beaver, Mattison Darragh and some other friends of David's sat up with him. He was sick in bed. I think he had de ium tremens. Mr. Darragh told me the next day that he was not David, and that gave me some confidence."

It is remarkably strange that every mark or feature in David Mitchell had its counterpart in the imposter. He was the impersonation of deception and hypocrisy. When Nancy suggested to him, one day, that her brother's hair was not so thin and light, he complacently met the objection by saying: your hair had been combed with cannon balls it would be thin, too." He an-nounced that his teeth had all been extracted in Mexico, and a Mexican's teeth had been inserted. So completely did he succeed in deceiving the people that the majority at first decided him to be the absent son. It was for several weeks the absorbing topic in the community.

At length the Mexican soldiers began to return to their homes, coming up the Ohio in boats. Some fears were enter-tained that violence would be used by them upon this man should they learn what kind of a role he was playing. He was stopping at the National hotel in Beaver, to which house he had been taken by Gen. Mitchell. Col. Black, commander of the regiment, went up to look at the man. When he came from his room he remarked : "David Mitchell had an honest countenance ; that man has the countenance of a sheep thief." One soldier who was a witness of Mitchell's death was in the company. He went before a magistrate and made an affidavit accordingly. On the next

boat that arrived was a man who then had on the trousers David wore at the time of his death. These facts became convincing. The impostor was arrested and placed in jail, but no criminal action was brought against him, and he was released and induced to flee the country.

The name of this successful impostor was Samuel H. Davitt. He was probably 10 years older that Mitchell, and was a shrewd, intelligent man--a teacher by profession. When he first appeared in Bridgewater, Beaver county, at the Colonel Chester Bloss hotel, subse-quently called the "Red Onion," he represented himself as Richard John Lee.

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ter, from whom many facts connected with this impostor were obtained, is the son of Major Robert Darragh, who was one of the oldest and most highly re-spected residents of Beaver county. He He thinks that Davitt did not originally intend to practice such an imposition; but being reminded often, along the line of the canal, of the striking resem-blance between himself and David Mitchell, he concluded to turn the fact to his personal interest in securing the payment of board bills and obtaining such other favors as Gen. Mitchell's indulgent nature would prompthim to bestow. His consummate knowledge of human nature.his natural sociable disposition, and his perfect mastery of the art of disimulation enabled him to play his part successfully. His skill in deceiving even the father and other relative of the lost man was overcome by the keen insight of Nancy who, against the pro-testations of life-long neighbors, declared the migratory schoolmaster, the ver-iest impostor. No ordinary event attracted so much attention in Beaver

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A New Religion Needed.

The Methodist Advocate speaks out in meeting in this way: "Just at this time our country needs a religion that man. We want to bounce right on a say a word to the pious scamp who never pays his debts. Preacher and people who never pay their debts are doing the church more harm than dancers or drunkards, for there are more in the church than elsewhere. Reader, we are bread and meat. You must pay in cash or God will make you pay it in fire and brimstone. God knows no such excuse as home exemption. When you raise that excuse to keep from paying your debts you can stop singing 'When I can read my title clear." You've got none up there."

-How many people know that the custom of throwing rice at a wedding symbolizes not the expression of good luck, but it is a metaphorical flight of him. The man did not want to see me arrows shot at the bridegroom, In uncivilized ages most nations were accusclothes on. Father got a buggy and drove him to the canal. We had to by her lover, and the attempts on the tomed to the forcible capture of a bride part of her male relatives to prevent her husband from carrying her away is manner, and at when father went out to buy him some typified by a volley of rice instead of Prices consistent with the class of work BELLEFONTE & SNOW SHOE BRANCH. Time Table in effect on and after Dec. 14, 1890. Leave Snow Shoe, except Sunday......6 45 a. m. .3 00 p.m. Leave Bellefonte, except Sunday.....10 30 a. m.5 25 p. m. BELLEFONTE, NITTANY & LEMONT R. R To take effect Dec, 14, 1890. EASTWARD. 114 | 112 STATIONS.
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 A. M. P. M. Trains No. 111 and 103 connect at Montandon with Erie Mail West; 112 and 114 with Sea Shore Express East. LEWISBURG & TYRONE RAIROAD. Upper End. EASTWARD Mix Mi Mix May 12, ted. 1890. xed. xed. BELLEFONTE, BUFFALO RUN AND BALD EAGLE RAILROAD. To take effect May 12, 1890. WESTWARD. 1 5 STATIONS. P. M 3 00 3 09 3 13 3 19 3 23 3 26 3 30 3 36 3 43 3 45 3 53 3 59 4 09 4 59

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