

Pine Grove Mention.

Sleighting is real good. Miss Mary Bronse has gone to Altoona to spend the winter.

Wedding bells will chime during the Holidays just west of town. Tuesday Harry Walker flitted to the Wm. Keller home on Main street.

The venerable David Lohr is spending a month among his friends in the Mountain city.

From the appearance of the Everts windows Joyous Christmas season will soon be here.

Mrs. A. B. Struble, of Tyrone, is visiting her aged mother, Mrs. Gemma Fye, who is quite ill.

Clem Fortney, of Altoona, circulated among the farmers last week in quest of fresh cows.

Our mutual friend, John Reynolds, is recovering from a bad touch and will soon be on the road again.

Norman King, of the Harrisburg Vaudeville company, has been greeting his old chums hereabout this week.

Mrs. Sadie Shaffer came up from Bellefonte to take a hand at making sausage on Monday at Newt Hess' butchering.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rishel, and Mrs. F. Payne, of Spring Mills, came up to see Mrs. J. A. Decker, who is much better.

Rev. C. T. Aiken, president of the Susquehanna University, with his good wife were here Tuesday greeting old friends.

Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Mingle, of Hollidaysburg, came down last week to see their aged mother at the Elder home in the Glades.

O. Breckenridge Krebs, who is in the creamery and milk business in Altoona, was down last Friday stirring liver worst at the old home.

Mark Porter, one of Shavers Creek's progressive young farmers, spent several days among friends here with headquarters at Oliver Bloom's home.

Last week the weather man was giving all kinds of weather in one day—rain and freezing weather followed and winter set in earnest. Mother Earth is decked in six inches of white robe and sledding is excellent.

The stork was busy in the beginning of the week, leaving a young preacher at Rev. H. E. McKelvey's home. Grandpa Herman's face is a wreath of smiles over a ten pound grandson, who arrived recently. Its name will be Jacob Herman Noll.

Miss Ackermann's Christmas.

By Mrs. MOSES P. HANDY.

MISS ACKERMANN opened her eyes to the sunshine with a startled feeling of having overslept herself, then closed them again at the sound of the chimes from the church around the corner, for it was Christmas day, the one day, barring Sundays, in the year which she could really and truly call her own. She was that overworked individual, a popular dressmaker, going out by the day, and she sometimes wished, with E. P. Roe's old doctor, that people would need for somebody else sometimes and let her rest. On the last Fourth of July she had been in the country sewing for dear life in order to finish a belated bridal trousseau, and on Thanksgiving she had worked until dark to accommodate a customer who wished to outshine her sisters-in-law at a family gathering at the house of her husband's father, but on Christmas day not even the most exacting customer could ask her services. And yet—was she glad it was Christmas? The associations which cluster around the season make it a sorrowful one to those who have nothing left of home excepting its memories, and, saving for one brother, Miss Ackermann was alone in the world. Really, Miss Ackermann told herself, she had no business to be low spirited; she was a very fortunate person; think how many people were starving for lack of work, and all that, she concluded vaguely as she finished her breakfast. The tea, which she made in her room, heating the water on a small gas stove, was excellent. She was finicky



SHE FOUND HERSELF FACE TO FACE WITH A BRONZED AND BEARDED MAN.

about tea, and she felt better after drinking it. Altogether she was in quite a cheerful mood when the little daughter of her landlord came to wish her a merry Christmas and bring an invitation from her mother to eat her Christmas dinner with them. Dinner would be at half past 2. Miss Ackermann thanked them very much and would dine with them with pleasure. Then she gave the little girl the present she had ready for her, a stylish young lady doll dressed in the latest fashion, with coat and hat complete, a gift which made its recipient radiant, and sent her off to exhibit it at once.

The sermon "God's Christmas Gifts," from the text "Wait upon the Lord, and he shall give thee the desire of thy heart," made her homesick again, the desire of her heart seemed so exceedingly far off. Miss Ackermann was not one of those who forget, hard as she had tried not to remember. She found her thought straying back ten years to the seaside, to her old home and Jack. Their parents were neighbors. Her father and mother lived in the little fishing town and took boarders in the season. His father was the farmer who supplied them with vegetables and fruit. Jack drove the wagon which brought the daily supply to the cottages. They would have known each other in any case, but the morning interviews over lettuce and strawberries, melons and tomatoes brought them closer together.

Every one approved of their engagement, and the day was set, when a great misfortune happened—her mother and oldest sister were killed in a buggy which they were driving by a train at a railroad crossing. This was bad enough surely, but "troubles hunt in couples," and the blow seemed to affect her father's mind. He became almost childish, took to his bed and would have no one but her wait upon him. To complete the roll of disaster her brother suddenly brought home as his wife a girl whom none of his friends would have chosen, and the old man would not let his daughter-in-law come near him. To tell the truth, she had no desire to help Miss Ackermann in her duties. She had married for a step up and said plainly that she did not mean to slave to please anybody.

"You see how it is, Jack," Miss Ackermann said, with streaming eyes. "I cannot leave father, even for you." "Bring him to our house with you," replied Jack. "There is plenty of room, and father and mother won't mind." "No, Jack; thanks ever so much, but that wouldn't do any good. Father

wouldn't be satisfied. Besides, he takes up so much of my time that I couldn't do my duty by you." And Jack had to submit with the best grace he could muster.

Unfortunately he consulted the doctor who attended Mr. Ackermann as to the probable duration of the old man's illness.

The doctor assured him that the trouble was chiefly hypochondria and that he might live for years in the same state or might possibly recover as suddenly as he had collapsed. At all events the patient was in no immediate danger.

The inquiry would have done no harm had it not been that the doctor had a talking wife, to whom he told everything, so before long the whole neighborhood was saying that Jack Raiston had been asking how long old man Ackermann could live. Of course the story came to Miss Ackermann's ears, to her intense indignation and still greater grief. Jack could not deny it in toto, and short of positive denial she would listen to no explanation. There was a quarrel, a broken engagement, and Jack Raiston went west, leaving his sweetheart well nigh broken hearted, with only duty to console her, and sometimes duty is the best consolation one can have.

If he had been less impatient there would have been no trouble. Dr. Brand did not understand the effect which a broken heart sometimes produces upon the body. Mr. Ackermann died before the winter was over. Jack Raiston came home as soon as he heard the news, but Miss Ackermann had gone to the city with a cousin of her mother and was obdurate. Her filial affection found satisfaction in refusing to give the lover who had desired her father's death. She would not even see him, and so the affair ended.

Well, it was too late now, and she was a fool to be dreaming of it. The sermon was ended, and the music of the organ roused her to the consciousness of things present and to come. She took part with the congregation in the rest of the service and then hurried home to make a hasty toilet for dinner.

There was only a quiet family gathering. The fiancé of the oldest daughter, a traveling salesman in the employ of a wholesale house, was the life of the party. He was considered a very bright young man and a good talker. He was at his best today and kept them all amused with stories of his travels, so that Miss Ackermann had only to listen with a semblance of interest.

"By the way, Miss Ackermann," he said presently, "I met an old friend of yours on this last trip. Raiston was the name—J. W. Raiston. It was in Idaho, Boise City. He is doing well in mines out there and is quite chummy with one of my best customers, who has some money in his business. The two were together at my rooms in the hotel, and he saw Min's picture on the bureau. I always carry it around to keep me out of temptation—guardian angel business, you know, Min—and he saw it. You know people say you two look alike, and the likeness comes out strong in that photo. It struck him all of a heap. 'Excuse me,' he said, 'but will you tell me whose picture that is? It looks very much like some one I knew ten years ago.'"

"Certainly," said L. "That is my best girl. She is thought very much like a lady who lives in the same house, Miss Ackermann, from New Jersey." Well, it turned out to be the very same. He asked lots of questions about you, especially whether you were married. I gave you a good character, and I guess you'll be hearing from him before long. Ross says he is a bachelor."

Miss Ackermann controlled herself sufficiently to smile. "Thank you, we were friends and neighbors when I was a girl," she replied, and in a moment more they were all laughing at a comical anecdote which the drummer was telling in his best style. It was no wonder he sold goods.

When the dinner was over the hostess excused herself soon upon the plea of domestic duties, leaving Miss Ackermann with the young people. So, knowing herself in the way, she lingered but a few minutes. Back in her room she gave way and took refuge in that last solace of her sex, a good cry. Her overwrought nerves demanded relief and would not be denied.

She was still huddled, a disconsolate heap, on the lounge when there came a tap at the door which she recognized as that of her little friend. She sat up and hurriedly straightened her hair, trusting that in the dim light of the fast falling twilight the child would notice nothing amiss, sharp as she was. "Come in," she called as the knock was repeated.

"Here's a gentleman to see you," the child said, with the air of a person who confers a favor. "He says he is an old friend, so I brought him right up." Miss Ackermann remembered that it being Christmas day, the maid would be out and that consequently the little girl would answer the door.

"Thank you," she said, "you may go." Then she found herself face to face with a bronzed and bearded man whose eyes only were familiar.

"Well, Annie," he said in a voice she knew so well, "here I am once more." She held out both hands with an eager gesture. "Oh, Jack, Jack!" she cried.

A moment more and she was sobbing on his shoulder while his arms held her as though they would never let go.

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It is the season of reunions and foregatherings, of meeting and parting. The zest of travel is rife, for apart from the home-goings and social exchanges it is a holiday time for many and there are pleasant excursions to be made, where sightseeing has an added relish from the prevalent gaiety and good cheer.

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CENTRAL BANK HIS REMEDY

Comptroller Ridgely's Plan to Check Panics.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The report of the comptroller of the currency of the year ended October 31, 1907, which was sent to congress, contains, besides the usual recommendations for legislation by congress and a detailed history of the causes and events of the late panic, a strong plea for the establishment of a national central bank of issue and reserve, with such alterations in the currency system of the government as shall bring about a greater elasticity in the issuance and retirement of bank notes. It is pointed out by Mr. Ridgely that the present reserve system has the serious fault that in times of emergency the funds deposited in the reserve and central reserve cities are not always available for the very purpose for which they were designed.

In the plan of the comptroller the central bank should have government control as an essential feature, with the great bulk of shares owned by the other national banks, which would be allowed to subscribe for them in fixed proportion to their capital. The profits of the undertaking would go to the government after a certain sum had been set aside for surplus and dividends of 3 and 4 per cent. Directors under this plan would be chosen in the proportion of two-thirds by the stockholders and one-third by the government.

The bank would not be allowed to do a general or commercial business, but "would be confined to the transactions of government business, the issue of credit notes, receiving reserve deposits from other banks, the discount of their paper on approved security, or rediscounting notes of their customers for other banks. It would have such authority for dealing in foreign exchange as would enable it to accumulate gold credits abroad and to import gold and bullion when needed for its reserves."

Mouth Serves Boy Instead of Ears.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 17.—John Hetsel, a 10-year-old boy, sent from Jersey City to the New Jersey State Home for Deaf Mutes here, has astonished the physicians who have examined him. The boy has no ears, only lobes about the size of gold dollars, with no openings. But he hears what is said to him and understands. The boy keeps his mouth open, and it is thought that he hears through it.

Mitchell's Successor Chosen.

New York, Dec. 17.—John Mitchell, president of the Mine Workers' Union, who is here attending the meeting of the National Civic Federation, in speaking of his resignation from the Miners' Union, said that his successor had already been chosen. The name, however, he said, was withheld for the present.

Suffered Death to Keep Secret.

Bristol, Va., Dec. 14.—Refusing to the last minute to divulge a secret, which he said if he had revealed at the trial would have set him free, Noah Fulton, 21 years old, paid the death penalty at Abington for the murder of his companion, John Johnson, near Grandsdale last February.

King Leopold Injured.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—It is rumored here that King Leopold received a severe hurt on the leg while undergoing a heat bath treatment in Paris recently. The king's private physician has been summoned to that city.