

THE MAN WHO DIDN'T SUCCEED.

They sing of the men who build the mills And circle the earth with steel; Who fill the hour and wield the power That molds the public weal...

THE DESERTED WIFE.

[By Mabel Wren.]

The Great Chihuahua desert lay white and calm in the moonlight; its solitude broken only by the yelp of some prowling coyote, traveling late and alone. Suddenly there appeared in the distance a strange cavalcade...

"Are you afraid?" he asked, when she was seated. "We're going to bob about considerably, but there's no danger if you like it." He was leaning over the oarlock.

There was no need of worrying over the other woman. He had left her ample means, and she would soon find a more suitable companion. She was not of his kind, and surely, no one could rightly blame him for leaving that God-forsaken country.

The years dragged their slow lengths around. Chad Leeks and his wife Elisabeth were samples of comfortable prosperity. But a close observer would have noticed an air of suppressed restlessness about him, and one of patient resignation about his wife.

He would have diagnosed the trouble otherwise—the wideness and wildness of the Chihuahua sands and a dark-eyed boy were calling him. For years he had succeeded in nearly forgetting them; but as time passed, and no heir came to bless him and Elisabeth, thought of the boy returned with increasing persistency.

CONSTRUCTING THE BIG GUNS

Enormous Amount of Labor Involved in the Making of These Weapons of War. A fascinating sight is to watch the first stages in the manufacture of the big guns, which are proving so devastating in the war.

ribbon wound about it. Some idea of the labor involved in the manufacture of one of these guns may be gathered from the fact that from start to finish the time occupied is 12 months.

Like a flying dumpling Uncle Flop-wit projected himself from the moving bus to the pavement. But mud was everywhere. Poor old Uncle Flop-wit's feet touched the paving stones for a fraction of a second, but he proceeded for the next ten yards of his way face downward—his white waistcoat churning a neat furrow in the slime.

Mystery About Precious Stones. That the diamond and other precious stones were made in the unfathomed and fiery caves of earth and brought to the surface by volcanic or other upheaval, is well established, especially in regard to those of the South African fields; but more mysterious than this is that they have been found in the paths of the ancient glacial drifts of North America.

Cause for Complaint. A quiet little Chicago lad serves as altar boy at the family church on certain days of the week. He has been attending rather often than usual of late, and his mother recently inquired the reason, adding that he seemed to her to be doing the work of himself and his comrade.

Various Companionships. If one's intimate in love or friendship cannot, or does not, share all one's intellectual tastes or pursuits, that is a small matter. Intellectual companions can be found easily in men and books. After all, if we think of it, most of the world's loves and friendships have been between people that could not read nor spell.

Attacked in Front and Rear. A youngster of our acquaintance who has a faculty for getting into scrapes recently expressed the wish that he was a postage stamp. When asked why, he answered: "Because a postage stamp can only be licked once." Whereupon we pointed out that the stamp received, besides the licking, a severe punch in the face.

To Remove Mildew Stains. Mix a small quantity of soft soap with the same proportion of powdered starch and salt and the juice of a lemon. Apply this mixture to both sides of the stain with a small brush, and, if possible, let the article lie on the grass all day and night until the stains have quite disappeared.

Use for Damaged Diamonds. Diamonds that cannot be worked are sold under the name of "bort" and used for various purposes. Splinters of bort are made into delicate drills for drilling artificial teeth and other exceedingly hard substances, gems, etc.

Horticultural Crime.

They say that the chief trouble in raising grapefruit is to keep it from being as large as a pumpkin; and to have to sell all that for 10 cents would provoke to tears.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Nature's Justice. Nature is just toward men. It recompenses them for their sufferings; it renders them laborious, because to the greatest toils it attaches the greatest rewards.—Montesquieu.

Unpopular Listeners. "I really dislike to talk to her; she has such a habit of finishing one's sentences for one. You know the kind?" "Yes; they listen faster than you can talk to them."

Suspicious. When a man starts off by announcing that he views something more in sorrow than in anger we always suspect that he is really pretty mad about it.

Critic Seldom Wins Love. If you would be loved as a companion, avoid unnecessary criticism upon those with whom you live.—Arthur Helps.

Daily Thought. God is better served in resisting a temptation to evil than in many formal prayers.—William Penn.

No Doubt. When married folk disagree they have only themselves to blame—and they do.

County Correspondence

Items of Interest Dished Up for the Delectation of "Watchman" Readers by a Corps of Gifted Correspondents.

REBERSBURG.

Catch the caterpillars now. Prepare for Decoration day. Teddy painted his house a Jersey cream color. Rev. Noah Fehl and wife have returned to Irwin.

The decoration of soldier's graves will be done on Monday forenoon of May 31st. Postmaster Curtis Bierly takes orders for Pete Ritzman's steam laundry at Lock Haven.

Church functions are now normal; so, also, business functions and social functions are so-so! The East End correspondents of the WATCHMAN are au fait; in vernacular, "on to their job."

Samuel Bierly is pasturing his herd in Smull's woods, with the Noah Brungart juniors as cow-boys. It is now honeysuckle time and many are the Sunday forays of the young folks to the north mountain.

Mrs. George Waite is proud of the golden butter her Jersey cows produce. She does not need any coloring admixture. Rev. John L. Metzger will deliver the Memorial address to the veterans, in the Lutheran church on Sunday, May 30th.

Mrs. Floyd Gramley returned to Lewisburg on Friday, after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waite. Miffin Moyer is an up-to-date farmer, with the best agricultural appliances, a stout heart, strong arm and watchful eye.

Howard Miller's bright little grand-son, who has been a deaf mute from birth, is giving evidence of ability to speak some words. The Saturday morning frost froze the burdock leaves stiff and some early vegetables went down under the heat of the rising sun.

Among the new improvements to be commended are concrete walks in front of the residences of James Harbaugh and Howard Miller. Mrs. Alice Bechtel, an industrious and pains-taking house-keeper, is in demand in many homes where faithful and honest work are appreciated.

day at the classic swimming pool of Smullton, but none of the ladies can swim. However, they caught twenty-two suckers.

Rumor comes a sailing with ballooning wings that W. Handsome couple, in Rebersburg, who have been saccharinely inclined for some time, will soon grace the marital register at Belleville with their names.

Miller Beyer, who now owns the historic Hubler mill at Hubler's Gap, is making a systematic effort to build up its trade to the old fame mark. He buys and sells grain and feed, thus affording a home market.

Hon. C. L. Gramley went to visit the Odd Fellow's Orphanage at Sunbury on Wednesday and thence to Harrisburg to observe the good behavior of our lawmakers under the ox-goad when Gov. Brumbaugh waves over them every day.

The outing in Brungart's grove on Ascension Day, was attended with glowing hearts by Misses Martha Douthy, Maude Stever, Alice Weber, Florence and Lucille Bright, Norman Douthy, Earl Weber, Ernest Harry, Robert W. Bierly and Charles Corman.

Early Wednesday morning, at the urgent request of Dr. Kelley, of State College, Dr. George S. Frank, of Millheim, carried over here to the residence of Hon. Henry Meyer to preside over the introduction of a new boarder in that happy home.

Dr. Kellar, of Madisonburg, on Saturday removed an external lump from the jaw of Newt Weber's cow as scientifically as a hospital surgeon sometimes removes a vermiform appendix. In olden times lumps on the skins of animals were believed to have been shot there by witches.

Hester Smull, Rebecca Metzger, Neta Page, and Mildred Wolf, of Loganton; Kathryn Ocker, Gladys Hackenberg, Earl Smull, Howard Metzger, Russell Auman, Frank Bailey, Samuel Hubler and Edwin Weaver made up a merry party of picnic celebrators in Harry Royer's grove on Ascension day.

The Old Home week party who billed the valley last week dined at the Rebersburg Inn. They were J. P. Lyon, John J. Bower, J. Frank Smith and W. D. Zerby. Other visitors were Ex-Sheriff Brungart, B. D. Brisbin and John Lester, of Centre Hall, and James B. Wilson, of Phillipsburg.

Voneida, the new artisan, was taken suddenly ill on Saturday, but he soon rallied, as there is not a lazy speck in his body, and he is as handy as famous Cy. Pettigill, who made Uncle Danna's hand-cuffs and patent crow extermiator in the play of "The Deputy Sheriff from Jarvis' Section."

In our town there are several social sets besides the onion sets, reminding us of the young lady who just returned from the "Sementary" and chided her dad because he persisted in calling onions "ingens." Said he, "Wal Sal, they looks like ingens, they smell like ingens, tastes like ingens and I srow they is ingens!"

COBURN.

We see Thomas Rote wearing such a broad smile since the arrival of a little baby girl.

Ammon Emig has secured employment at State College and moved to that place last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Burd spent Sunday very pleasantly at this place with their friends and farmer neighbors.

The union prayer meeting held in the Evangelical church was fairly well attended on Wednesday evening.

Our farmers are through planting corn, but some may have to replant on account of the cool, wet weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Breon and grand-son Leon Neese, spent Sunday at the home of their son, M. W. Breon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shively, of Millheim, autored to this place on Sunday and spent the day with her parents and friends.

Mr. Thomas Eisenhuth, one of our section bosses on the railroad, has been granted a vacation of several months on a count of his health.

R. F. Eisenhuth has secured employment at the penitentiary as an assistant machinist. Mr. Eisenhuth has had experience along this line of work from boyhood up, and certainly has the ability to repair and take care of most any kind of machinery.

This has been a cool spring so far but we are getting ready for hot weather, as we will have two ice cream parlors in town this summer. Any one wishing to buy good cream call on "Bordie" and he will entertain you while you are enjoying the smooth taste of which ever flavor you wish to have. Then go across to Anderson's and enjoy a liberal dish of Belleville's choicest cream and you will feel that it was worth while coming to town, if just for the ice cream.

On Saturday evening Mr. Anderson, one of our new merchants in town, hired the Coburn string orchestra to furnish music for his patrons and the people in general. Mr. Anderson now occupies the room that James Harter owned and although we were sorry to see Mr. Harter go out of business we believe that Mr. Anderson will take his place.

The latter came from Chester county, Pennsylvania, and attended The Pennsylvania State College, of which he is a graduate. We hope that every one will give him a reasonable patronage and feel at home in the store just as much as before.

Mr. Joe Ard and Miss Mabel Wolfe did shopping at Millheim Saturday.

Mrs. John Fultz and son, of Coburn, spent Sunday here visiting relatives.

Oscar Meyer and wife, of Coburn, spent Sunday with the lady's parents.

Luther Weaver and family enjoyed dinner with Frank Miller's, at Coburn, Sunday.

Sam Orndorf, wife and daughter spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Phoebe Wise.

James Gieswite and wife and Mrs. Thomas Motz were shoppers at Millheim Friday.

Miss Dolly Kerstetter, of Millheim, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Luther Weaver.

Harry Gilbert, of Millersburg, has come to spend the summer months at the Woodward house.

One of our village farmers, Isaac Orndorf, had the misfortune to lose one of his work horses last Wednesday.

Allen Hess, wife and two children, of Lewistown, have been called here because of his father's critical condition.

Mr. Erhard and niece, Miss Sadie Erhard, of Kansas, are visiting among relatives and old acquaintances here.

Ellsworth Hosterman, who recently went to the Belleville hospital to undergo an operation, has returned and is on a fair way to recovery.

Luther Weaver autored McClellan Stover and Ollie Fiedler, of Woodward; William Gieswite and Michael Bower, of Aaronsburg, to Belleville Saturday on business.

Mrs. Clere Vonada, a former resident of this place, was taken to the Williamsport hospital recently by her family physician, Dr. Frank, to undergo an operation.

Roy Musser, who is employed by the Good Year Rubber company as book-keeper, with his wife and son are here spending their summer vacation with their parents.

—Put your ad. in the WATCHMAN.

LEMONT. Miss Hazel Hartsock Sundayed among friends in town.

Robert Osman transacted business in town Monday.

This week brought the heaviest rains of this season to date.

Portions of last week were cool with frosts at some points near town.

The corn and oats are not growing as they should on account of the cold nights.

D. A. Grove's, Willard Dale's, and Sidney Poorman's, motored to Selingsgrove, Saturday, where they spent the day, returning home in the evening.

Harry Grove and family are enjoying a few days visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Grove, this being his first visit for five or six years.

Our town was visited by the venerable Frederick Decker last Saturday, and that reminds us of times long past, when he made his weekly visits to enjoy a few hours with his many friends.

Mrs. James Martz came to Norris Martz's, Wednesday, and after visiting for a few days, accompanied the venerable George R. Roan, to Philadelphia, where he entered the Will's Eye hospital to undergo another operation on his eyes. It is hoped that the operation will be a success this time.

—Men who know a good cigar smoke Board of Trade, 5 cents. Brockerhoff cigar stand. 20-2\*

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