

County Correspondence

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

PLEASANT GAP PICKUPS.

Some people are born mean, while others thrust themselves into mean ways.

Pleasant Gap, owing to the season of the year, is at present unusually healthy.

The happiest individuals in this world are those who are so constituted that they grow to full size, have good appetites, can witness the antics of a rat without screaming, and get their feet wet and not take their death of cold.

Frank Barnes is busily engaged in erecting some necessary out buildings, henry, coal and wood house, etc., besides beautifying the surroundings of his cosy and attractive little home; another illustration that honesty and industry is bound to win.

Husbands are not always what they seem, neither are wives; and each are very much what the other makes of them.

Our late postmaster, George Coble, after a vacation of over six months, returned to Pleasant Gap on Monday and was busily engaged in shaking hands with old associates at the postoffice.

The farmers' institute convened here on Friday last and continued until Saturday evening. Instead of holding their meetings at Noll's hall they secured the M. E. church.

A Mr. Dale, motoring up the pike the latter part of last week, ran over and killed George Hile's favorite hunting dog.

George loved to feed his little dog. And pat him on the head: But now it is all off.

Both of our Sunday schools, the M. E. and Lutheran gave their annual Christmas treat to the children on Sunday last, a commendable practice that has been in vogue at the Gap for many years.

Compare the life of a brilliant woman with that of a good, every-day sort of a housewife. Which is the happier? The brilliant woman is tortured with the blues, racked with pains, rendered miserable with nervousness.

Our Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap motor car line is certainly a great and most desirable convenience to our shoppers and pleasure seekers.

Pleasant Gap has twenty-two widows. The youngest is twenty-two years old, and the eldest eighty-eight, and it must be admitted that they are a very cheerful, contented and respectable bunch of humanity.

Even government officials are not exempt from unpleasant annoyances at times. Our assistant postmaster, John Mulfinger, has a slight limp in his locomotion, occasioned by a troublesome corn.

"darn a corn, any way," when they would not be allowed to "darn" anything else. Preachers have been heard to say that the tenor of their sermons is sometimes so changed by the little annoyances upon their toes, that instead of dwelling upon the painless life of the saved they do up the sufferings of the other fellows in a most realistic manner.

The credit system is becoming an intolerable nuisance, and has a tendency to embarrass the consumer and bankrupt the merchant. Sixty-six per cent. of the goods purchased at our country stores are charged on the books, and it is estimated that at least twenty-five per cent. of that amount is a dead loss to the merchants.

We, the people of Pleasant Gap, have in the course of human events been very highly favored. Some ten or twelve years ago conditions were quite different. At that time you seldom saw a man on our streets. Women and children galore could be observed promenading continuously up and down our thoroughfares.

The cork oak is a kind of jack at all trades among trees, and its service indicates well the new kind of freedom that these may give us by their new helpfulness if we will just give them a chance.

These same oak trees produce acorns, often heavily, which are sold to some farmer, who drives his herd of lean hogs into the forest, where they harvest the acorns and turn them into salable meat.

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Christmas in Porto Rico.

While the American children are hanging up their stockings their cousins in Porto Rico are placing their shoes and a pasteboard box filled with fresh grass on the window sills.

After the presents are removed a note is usually found at the bottom of the box. The note states that the children have not been as good as they should have been, therefore the wise men do not deem it proper to leave better presents.

The Secret of the Tree

A tall fir whispered in the wood, 'I'd tell a secret if I could; Then all the dry leaves on the ground Whisked up and down and all around To see if they the news might hear And spread it quickly far and near.

But the tall tree answered not the call. It bowed politely, that was all, And flung its tassels to the breeze And looked the wisest of all trees. But when I came beneath the tree It whispered, "Yes, I'll tell it thee."

Then, as I rushed in eager haste And threw my arms about its waist, I held my breath that I might hear—"My child, I'm coming soon to be Your very own dear Christmas tree."

EMPTY STOCKINGS WAIT THE CALL OF SANTA - MAY HE FILL THEM ALL



Long Ago Christmases In Some Other Lands

In "Merry England" long ago one of the joys of the children on Christmas morning was the going about from friend to friend singing happy carols and greeting all whom they met with "A Merry Christmas to you!"

In Germany the Christmas tree was the chief joy of the children. In Belgium the children hung up their stockings on Christmas eve and at the first peep of day the next morning were out of bed to see what gifts were left for them.

The children of Sweden and Denmark did not depend on Santa Claus, but bundled their gifts up in all sorts of queer packages, sometimes covering them with hay, sometimes cotton or wool and sometimes strips of different colors of cloth.

A Christmas Secret. Christmas is a time of secrets, So I'll whisper one to you; Grandpa says that all who try it Find that every word is true: "Would you have a happy day? Give some happiness away."



Here's Official Notice That Santa Is Real

ANY one who doubts that there really is a Santa Claus—and it is reported that a few boys and girls have such doubts—has only to refer to official communication 34,924 from the office of Henry D. Hamilton, former adjutant general of the state of New York, which was delivered by special messenger to a committee of seven youngsters cared for by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Word spread among the 200 children who were to spend their Christmas at the headquarters of the society in New York city that their elders were romancing when they told of a jolly old fellow who traveled in a sleigh and distributed presents at Christmas time.

She consulted Ernest K. Coulter, the superintendent, and then advised the committee to communicate with the adjutant general of the state.

Three little boys were added to the committee at a mass meeting of the children, and this communication was forwarded to Albany:

General H. D. Hamilton, the Adjutant General, Albany, N. Y.: We are a committee of seven little boys and girls, and we want to know whether Santa Claus is really coming to see us at 7 o'clock next Saturday evening with a sleigh full of toys.

This communication was signed by George Collella, Frank Conway, Rocco Fanella, Levina Cavanaugh, Lillian Otto, Rosie Genoldi and Rosina Genoldi. Here is the reply:

Received A. G. O., Dec. 18, No. 34,925. First Indorsement. The Adjutant General's Office.

Returned to writers through the official channel with the information that according to our roster the distributing officer referred to was last on duty issuing and delivering supplies at post in the vicinity of these headquarters on or about Dec. 15 last.

A disbursement request on Form ES, 709-01 has been transmitted to the quartermaster of your post for the purchase of forage for the reindeer before arrival on your reservation.

By command of the governor. HENRY D. HAMILTON, The Adjutant General.

Christ and the Children.

When rulers and titled men questioned him Jesus placed a child in the midst of them and said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Socrates sneered at the grief of a mother weeping for her babe.

Why is it that a barber will scratch and rub your head for an hour and not touch the particular spot that itches.

Medical.

Dire Distress

IT IS NEAR AT HAND TO HUNDREDS OF BELLEFONTE READERS Don't neglect an aching back. Backache is often the kidneys' cry for help.

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Medical.

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