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All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned, for professional services, will please settle their accounts *are not settled before the first day of next January* will be collected without ceremony.

J. E. JACKSON.

Nov. 20, 1872. 3m

NOTICE.

NATIONAL BANK OF BEAVER COUNTY, New Brighton, December 31, 1872.

At a meeting of the Directors of this Bank have this day declared a dividend of Four per cent. out of the earnings of the last six months payable on demand.

EDWARD ROWLAND, *Cashier.*

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—*Estate of Catharine Eckenrode, deceased.* Letters testamentary to the undersigned, of the Borough of Beaver, Beaver Co., Pa., deceased having been granted to the undersigned. All persons having claims against the decedent's estate, will present them without delay to the undersigned for settlement, and persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

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Beaver Falls, Pa., Nov. 23, 1872.—decl1

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Railroads.

RAILROADS.—PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILWAY.—Condensed Time Table from December 24, 1872.

TRAINS GOING WEST.

STATIONS.	No. 1. Pac Ex	No. 5. Mail.	No. 7 PacEx	No. 3. Nit Ex
Pittsburgh	145AM	710AM	910AM	150PM
Rochester	253	840	1025	340
Alliance	515	1145	130PM	628
Orrville	651	145PM	307	756
Mansfield	855	429	509	911
Crestline { A	920	500	540	940
Crestline { D	940	510AM	600	950
Forest	1105	735	735	1115
Lima	1208PM	805	915	1217AM
Fort Wayne	340	1155	1205AM	245
Plymouth	445	235PM	255	505
Chicago	750	630	650	830

TRAINS GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	No. 8. Mail	No. 2. Pat Ex	No. 6. PacEx	No. 4. Nit Ex
Chicago	515AM	920AM	530PM	930PM
Plymouth	915	1202PM	815	1200AM
Fort Wayne	1220PM	220	1120	325
Lima	215	515	1 18AM	515
Forest	400	608	227	629
Crestline { A	535	630	405	805
Crestline { D	1120AM	650	415	825
Mansfield	1205PM	719	443	853
Orrville	213	920	637	1100
Alliance	420	1100	825	110PM
Rochester	657	112AM	1148	329
Pittsburgh	810	220	1145AM	445

☞ No. 1 daily except Monday: Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8, daily, except Sunday; Nos. 2 & 6, daily.

P. R. MYERS, General Ticket Agent.

CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.

On and after Dec. 23, 1872, trains will leave Stations daily (Sundays excepted) as follows.

GOING SOUTH.

STATIONS.	MAIL.	EXP. S.	ACCOM
Cleveland	830AM	155PM	400PM
Hudson	943	302	518
Ravenna	1015	333	548
Alliance	1110	413	635
Bayard	114	444	
Wellsville	100PM	600	
Pittsburgh	340	820	

GOING NORTH.

STATIONS.	MAIL.	EXP. S.	ACCOM
Pittsburgh	630AM	115PM	
Wellsville	835	340	
Bayard	1030	455	
Alliance	1125	517	725AM
Ravenna	1212PM	555	815
Hudson	1245	620	840
Cleveland	155	720	1015

	Leaves.	Arrives.
Bayard	12.10 & 5.00 p.m.	N. Philad. 3.00A. 7.30 p.m.
N. Phila.	6.40a.m. 4.1pm.	Bayard 9.45 a.m. & 4.p.m.

RIVER DIVISION.

GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	ACCOM.	MAIL.	EXP'S	ACCOM
Bellair	545AM	1050AM	335PM	
Bridgeport	555	1100	345	
Steubenville	657	1212PM	445	
Wellsville	815	135	620	
Rochester	930	235	715	
Pittsburgh	1040	340	820	

GOING WEST.

STATIONS.	MAIL.	EXP'S.	ACCOM	ACCOM
Pittsburgh	630AM	175PM	425PM	
Rochester	740	220	530	
Wellsville	850	330	700	
Steubenville	950	430	800	
Bridgeport	1100	525	905	
Bellair	1210	540	920	

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SELECT POETRY.

BALLAD OF THE BALL.

GUS.

"Come right in! How are you, Fred?
Find a chair, and have a light?"

FRED.

"Well, old boy, recovered yet
From the Mather's jam last night?"

GUS.

"Didn't dance; the German's old."

FRED.

Didn't you? I had to lead—
Awful bore; but where were you?"

GUS.

"Sat it out with Mollie Meade.

"Jolly little girl she is—
Said she didn't care to dance—
Rather have a quiet chat,
Then she gave me such a glance.

"So when you had cleared the room,
And had captured all the chairs,
Having nothing else, we two
Took possession of the stairs.

"I was on the lower step—
Mollie on the next above.
Gave me her bouquet to hold—
A-a-k-e-d me to draw on her glove.

"Then of course I squeezed her hand—
Talked about my wasted life—
Sale my soul salvation must
Be a true and gentle wife.

"Then, you know, I used my eyes—
She believed me, every word,
Almost said she loved me—love!
Such a voice I never heard.

"Gave me some symbolic flower
With a meaning, oh, so sweet!
Don't know where it is, I'm sure,
Must have d-r-o-p-p-e-d in the street.

"How I spooned! and she—the goose!
Well, I know it wasn't right,
But she did believe me so,
That I—k-i-s-s-e-d her; pass a light".

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JULIA.

"Mollie Meade! Well, I declare!
And walking up the avenue!
After what occurred last night,
Who'd a thought of seeing you?

"Oh, you awful wicked girl—
There, don't blush—I saw it all."

MOLLIE.

"Saw all what?"

JULIA.

"Saw you, last night,
At the Mather's—in the hall."

MOLLIE.

"Oh, you horrid! where were you?
Wasn't this an awful goose?
Most men must be caught, but he
Run his neck in the noose.

"I was almost dead to dance—
I'd have done it if I could—
But papa said I must stop,
And I promised ma I would.

"So I looked up sweet and said
I didn't mind a talk with him.
Hope he didn't see my face—
Luckily the lights were dim

"Then he gently squeezed my hand,
Looking sweetly in my face
With his handsome, loving eyes.
Really, he's a funny case!

"He was all my curiosity, too;
But I thought I'd have to laugh
When he kissed a flower I gave,
Looking silly as a calf

"I suppose Gus has lit now.
In a wine glass on his shelves,
It's a mystery to me
Why men will deceive themselves.

"Saw him kiss me! Oh! you wretch;
Well, he begged so hard for one,
And thought there'd no one know.
So—I let him—just for fun

"I know it wasn't really right
To trifle with his feelings, dear,
But men are such funny things,
They need a Lesson once a year."

Eli Perkins.

SELECT MISCELLANY.

(From the Overland Monthly.)

A LOVE LEGEND.

OF THE MONTECITO GRAPE-VINE.

Nestled between the cloud-capped mountains and the sea, in the sunny [illegible] through the long winter months, the air is mild and balmy, and the hills are rich with verdure. Pepper and acacia-trees mingle the grace of their perennial foliage with that of the sturdy live-oak and the dry leaved olive, all the year round; while flowers, both wild and cultivated, bloom in abounded profusion.

Santa Barbara claims to be one of the most favored spots on the globe for healthfulness, the geniality of its climate, and the beauty and productiveness of its semi-tropical vegetation. Differing from the Neapolitans, the Santa Barbarans say, "See Santa Barbara and live!"

About four miles from the town, in the valley of Montecito, grows the now famous grape-vine, one of the wonders for the tourists in southern California. It is the largest on record. It measures four feet, four inches in circumference at the ground, forty-one inches two feet from the ground, and rises eight feet before branching out; then, spreading with extreme luxuriance, its branches cover more than five thousand square feet, and are supported by fifty-two trellises. The largest bunch is thirty inches in circumference, and were it not for rigid pruning, the branches would extend indefinitely in every direction. It is of the Mission variety and exceedingly prolific, producing annually from five to six tons of grapes, which hang in massive clusters beneath the trellises, the effect of which, in the mellow autumn time, excites admiration and wonder. It is claimed that it has produced 7,000 bunches of grapes, varying from one to four pounds in weight each. A bean was put in a vase for each bunch plucked, until the beans numbered seven thousand. It grows on a sunny slope of the foot-hills, commanding a fine view of the rugged mountains in one direction, and in the other, the lovely Montecito valley, with glimpses of the blue Pacific. The vine is irrigated by waters from the hot springs a few miles distant; and the country about the vine is very beautiful and Mexican in its natural and artificial surroundings.

There is a tradition connected with the origin of this vine we wish to record. Seventy years ago, during the occupancy of the Mission fathers, there lived in the vicinity of Los Angels a beautiful young Spanish girl. Nearly all Spanish girls, while in the bloom and freshness of youth, possess more or less of their national cast of beauty; but the Senorita Marcellina had, from childhood, been the acknowledged queen among the maidens of her native place. Her complexion, tinged with the warm, brunette hue of her race, was clear and bright with the rich tint of health. Her wealth of black hair fell in ripling waves far below her waist; and her large dark eyes were fringed with silken lashes that matched the exquisite pencilling of the arched brows above them. Her parents, though belonging to the better class of Spanish, had become poor through extravagance and mismanagement, and had formed the project of bettering their fortunes by wedding their lovely daughter to some wealthy Don.

The lovely Marcellina did not lack for admirers nor ardent lovers, and among them all Senor Barlos de Domingues was the favorite and the accepted suitor. He was handsome, tall, and manly, but alas! without fortune, and socially not the equal of Marcellina. As may be supposed, his suit met with no encouragement from the Don and Dona Feliz; and they, finding the attachment between the young people was becoming stronger than accorded with their plans for their daughter, resolved to remove to Santo Barbara—a mission some hundred miles north—where resided many wealthy families, among whom they doubted not an alliance would be formed suitable in fortune and position.

The announcement of their contemplated removal struck dismay to the hearts of Marcellina and Carlos; but the latter, receiving courage from desperation, presented his suit to the parents. As was anticipated, it was scornfully rejected, and further intercourse sternly forbidden. The lovers were, however, too ardent to be separated thus, and, through the medium of an old Indian nurse, who was devoutly attached to the girl, they obtained one interview before parting.

In the early twilight, Marcellina stole out to an olive-orchard, surrounded by an adobe wall, which lay back of the paternal mansion. Here she stood, waiting with throbbing heart, the arrival of her lover, while her nurse kept watch on the other side of the wall, ready to give the alarm, by a signal agreed upon, should any one approach from the house. Already the shadows lay dark beneath the thick, low branches of the olive-trees, and at every rustle and sound the fair transgressor started and trembled. Suddenly a tall figure sprang over the wall, and crept stealthily along in the shadow, till he came close to where the waiting maiden stood. "Carlos," she cried, holding out her trembling hands. "It is you, Marcellina! Ah poor little one, how she trembles! They are very cruel, darling, but we will not be separated. They shall not take you from me, my precious one."

And then he spoke long, low and rapidly in the beautiful Spanish language—so exquisitely fitted for expressions of tenderness and endearments—telling her that, as her parents objected to their union on the ground of his poverty, he had determined to win wealth; that an old Indian, bound to him by ties of gratitude, possessed knowledge of a rich mine far away among the mountains, and to which he had promised to guide him and his company; and, by courage and skill, he would soon return to claim her hand from her ambitious, avaricious parents.

"Remain true to me, Lina, and resist their scheming. Wait for me but two years, my darling, and if, at the end of that time, you do not hear from me, know that I have perished in the attempt to win you."

He then gave her a cutting from a grape-vine, telling her to carry it to her new home and plant it, keeping it as a reminder of him, and that, while it lived and flourished, she might know he loved her and was true to her. The cutting was in the form of a riding-whip, and, as such she was to carry it, for her journey was to be performed on horseback."

Vowing eternal fidelity, the lovers parted, and, the next morning, Don and Donna Feliz, with their daughter and attendants, started on their journey; while Carlos & Co., with their Indian guide, wended their way, full of hopeand confidence, over the mountain trail.

Marcellina, as may be supposed, made little use of her switch to urge her mustang along the weary way between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. Arriving at their destination—four miles from the mission of Santa Barbara—her first act was to plant the cutting upon the hillside, with many tears and prayers to the Virgin for the success and safety of her lover.

The vine grew and flourished with wonderful luxuriance, and pleased the heart of the waiting maiden, who could hardly have borne the pangs of anxiety and suspense, had it not been for the silent encouragement it gave her. Don and Dona had found as their daughter, a suitable companion for the occasion of her visit. He was short of good circumference, and grizzled with years, but to counterbalance those defects in a lover, his fingers and shirt fronts shone with gems. Marcellina's violent opposition, however, while it did not move them to renounce their purpose, induced them to postpone the marriage, in the hope that she would forget her former lover, and become more reconciled to their will.

In the interval thus granted, the time for the return of Carlos would expire; and Marcellina prayed daily for the return of her betrothed, with the fortune that was to find him favor in the eyes of her parents. The two years were rapidly drawing to a close, and yet no sign or token had come, save what she found in the vigorous growth of her cherished vine. At length her parents, pressed with poverty and weary of their prolonged indulgence to what they considered an idle fancy, fixed the day for the wedding of the suitor of their choice, whose only recommendation was his wealth.

The eve of Marcellina's wedding-day was the second anniversary of the parting in the olive-grove, when Carlos told her that, if he did not return or send her word within two years, she might know he was dead. She had crept away from the scene of busy preparation within her home and, hiding herself beneath the shadow of her beloved vine—which was now large enough to shelter her from casual observation in the uncertain gloaming—she sobbed and wept calling upon the Virgin, in hopeless anguish, to take her away to the spirit world, where she believed Carlos to be.

Approaching footsteps arrested her attention. She started guiltily and attempted to hide her tears, for she dared not let her parents know she still mourned her absent lover.

"Lina—Lina!" greeted her ears in a familiar voice, and stayed her flight. Tremblingly she awaited the near approach of the intruder, when, with one wild, joyous cry of "Carlos!" she dropped into his arms, her head upon his shoulder, and wept unbidden tears of joy