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EXCHANGE HOTEL, HUNTINGDON, PA. JOHN S. MILLER, Proprietor. April 29th, 1864.

UNION HOTEL, VALENTINE STECKMAN, PROPRIETOR. West Pitt Street, Bedford, Pa. (Formerly the Union Hotel).

PROCLAMATION FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1864. IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ANDREW G. CURTIN, Governor of the said Commonwealth.

To JOHN ALDSTADT, Esq., Sheriff of the County of Bedford—Seal Office: Whereas a joint resolution proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, which are as follows, viz: And Whereas, It is provided in the said resolution...

FIRST TUESDAY OF AUGUST. In the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, for the purpose of deciding upon the approval and ratification, or rejection, of the said amendments...

By the Governor: ELI SLIFER, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, A joint resolution, proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, has been agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each house of the Legislature, at two successive sessions...

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the said Commonwealth, that the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the people of this Commonwealth, in regard to the adoption or rejection of said amendments...

Section 2. That the election on the said proposed amendments shall be held, in all respects, as if the general elections of this Commonwealth were now conducted; and it shall be the duty of the return judges of the respective counties and districts thereof, first having carefully ascertained the true vote given for or against each of the said amendments...

Section 3. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on the twenty-third day of August next before the next session of the Legislature, to deliver to the Speaker of the Senate the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the returns of the said election...

"The Kilkenny Cats." A late number of Notes and Queries, gives the following account of the origin of the phrase we have placed at the head of this article.

The story has been so long current that it has become a proverb—"as quarrelsome as the Kilkenny cats"—two of the cats in which city are asserted to have fought so long and so furiously that naught was found of them but two tails.

On one occasion the "look-out man" neglected his duty, and the officer of the day was heard ascending the barracks stairs while the cats were undergoing their customary torture.

At seventeen Miss Somerset had all the young men in our village at her feet; that is to say, she was surrounded and besieged by them wherever she went.

Miss Somerset would neither marry herself nor let others marry. This was the great offence.

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. Bedford, Pa., July 8, 1864. [Jy, 64-1e.]

Select Poetry.

THE FOLLOWING poetical version of the well-known incident related of Robert Bruce, who was encouraged to make good his power and a successful effort to regain the throne of Scotland by observing the perseverance and success of a spider, is from the pen of Eliza Cook.

public appearance among them. Lady Godiva riding through the village in the original Coventry costume, could not have caused a greater sensation.

Do you wonder that the women folks were indignant? They would have been more than women, more than mortal, if they had not.

Such was the state of affairs when Mr. Charles Bevington came to reside in our village. Mr. Charles Bevington was a rising young barrister—a handsome, dashing fellow, with black whiskers, and an easy, nonchalant address.

At length, however, the good news came that Miss Somerset was married, and that she was young men free to choose elsewhere.

"I mean exactly what I say," I repeated. "I wish you would marry Mrs. Honiton; for thereby you would do the village a great service."

"I should have thought quite the contrary," he replied, "for all the young fellows are mad after her."

"That's the mischief," I said. "Mischief! I really don't understand you."

"Why, the fact is, Mrs. Honiton monopolizes the attention of all the young men, and the other young ladies in the village have nobody to care for."

"Yes," I said, "but the young ladies wonder at it, and what's more, they don't like it; and if you'll only go and marry Mrs. Honiton out of the way, I'm sure they'll subscribe for a testimonial to you."

"I'm sure they will," I replied. "In fact, I would marry her myself out of pity for the poor girls, only for the trifling obstacle of which you are aware, that I'm married already."

handsome. Little Perkins had another fault—or, at least, he exhibited certain traits of character, which are a positive advantage when placed in competition with physical beauty and dash.

So the village laughed at the pretensions of little Mr. Perkins, and of course Mr. Bevington was in every respect above seriously regarding so insignificant a person as his rival.

But Mr. Bevington was suddenly called away on business, and Mr. Perkins had the field all to himself. He seized the opportunity to make an offer to the widow.

"Well," I said, "I presume you have done it; gone in and won as I advised you."

"And it's all settled," I said. "Well, not exactly," he said; "she has some scruples about giving her consent so soon after her bereavement, which is quite right and proper."

"Precisely, and wants to wear out the black dress; but you'll come to the party, won't you?" I wanted you to be there particularly, for we are going to have a lark with little Perkins."

"What," I said, "will he be there after what has occurred?"

"There's the lark," he said; "observe the date of the party, the first of April; we're going to make an April fool of him."

"Oh, it is the simplest thing in the world," he said. "I have written a long letter to Perkins, as if from Mrs. Honiton, inviting him to the party and giving him to believe that she reverts towards him and is anxious that he should renew his addresses."

"Perkins arrival, was announced, and entered the drawing-room in a faultless evening suit, evidently ordered for the occasion. Hewent straight to Mrs. Honiton, shook her warmly by the hand, and looked his happiness and his thanks with an expression of honest earnestness, which made me feel ashamed of myself for having, in the remotest degree, doubted the genuineness of his affection."