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County Superintendent—William H. Snyder.
Judge of Court, District—Directors—E. J. Albertson, Greenwood; Reece Fairman, Scott; Caleb Barton, Bloomsburg.

Bloomsburg Official Directory

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Chief of Police—R. Harris.
President of Gas Company—S. Knorr.
Secretary—C. W. Miller.
Savings Banking Company—John A. Funston, President; H. H. Ohl, Cashier, John Peacock, Teller.
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ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Minister—Rev. O. D. S. Barclay.
Sunday services—10½ a. m. and 7 p. m.
Sunday School—9 a. m.
Prayer Meeting—Every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.
Seats free. No pews rented. All are welcome.

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Sunday School—9 a. m.
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Presiding Elder—Rev. W. Evans.
Pastor—Rev. E. H. Young.
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Nov 26, '79-1y

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.
Jan. 31, 1874

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Bloomsburg, Pa.
Office over Schuyler's Hardware Store.

F. P. BILLMEYER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
OFFICE—In Harman's Building, Main street, Bloomsburg, Pa.
E. H. LITTLE. ROB'T. H. LITTLE.

E. H. & R. R. LITTLE,
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Bloomsburg, Pa.

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.
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Jan. 16, '8-tf

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.
July 16, '80-1f

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July 16, '80-1f

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PLASTER, SALT, &c., &c.
Jan 9, '80-1y

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VI. Absolute independence of partisan organizations but unwavering loyalty to true Democratic principles. THE SUN believes that the Government which the Constitution gives us is a good one to keep. Its notion of duty is to resist to the utmost power the efforts of men in the Republican party to set up another form of government in place of that with which it exists. The year 1881 and the years immediately following will probably decide this supremely important contest. THE SUN believes that the victory will be with the people against the kings for monopoly, the kings for plunder, and the kings for imperial power.
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PURELY VEGETABLE.
The Cheapest, Purest and Best Family Medicine in the world.
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Regulate the Liver and prevent
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SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR
Bad Breath!
Nothing is so unpleasant, nothing so common as bad breath and in nearly every case it comes from the stomach and can be so easily corrected if you will take SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR. Do not neglect so sure a remedy for this repulsive disorder. It will also improve your Appetite, Complexion and General Health.
Piles!
How many suffer torture day after day, making life a burden and robbing existence of all pleasure, owing to the secret suffering from piles. Yet relief is ready to the hand of almost any one who will use systematically the remedy that has permanently cured thousands. SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR, is NO drastic violent purge, but a gentle assistant to nature.
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Sick Headache!
This distressing affliction occurs most frequently. The disturbance of the stomach arising from the imperfectly digested contents, causes a severe pain in the head accompanied with disagreeable nausea, and this constitutes what is popularly known as "Sick Headache; for the relief of which, TAKE SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR.
MANUFACTURED ONLY BY
J. H. ZEILIN & CO.,
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Price $1.00 Sold by all Druggists.
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A Sure Cure for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lame Back, Sprains, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Stings, Bites, Toothache, Earache, Sore Throat, Diphtheria, Croup, Diarrhœa, Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Colic, Cramps, Spasms, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Female Weakness, Exhaustion, Debility, Loss of Appetite, Flatulence, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Sick Headache, Fever, Ague, Chills, Malaria, Miasmatic Poisons, Blood Diseases, Mortal Depression, Pain in the Side, Back or Limbs, Kidney Complaint, Dropsy, Gravel, Diabetes, Bright's Disease, Brain Disease, Nervous Prostration, Paralysis, Sunstroke, Heart Disease, Epilepsy, Spasms, St. Vitus Dance, Locomotor Ataxia, Neuralgia of the Bladder, Womb, Testicles, Rectum, Spermatorrhœa, Impotency, Leucorrhœa, Menstrual Disorders, Worms, Piles, Fistula, Itch, Mange, Scaly Skin, Eruptions, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scurvy, Erysipelas, Boils, Carbuncles, Ringworm, Sore Eyes, Catarrh, Deafness, Asthma, Hemorrhages, Consumption, Colds, Chronic Coughs, Inflammations, Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Jaundice, Malaria, Blood Poisons, Dropsy, Gravel, Pain in the Back, Kidneys and Liver, Nervous Debility, Female Weakness, Exhaustion, Sleeplessness, Depression, Paralysis, Neuralgia, Headache, Diseases of the Urinary, Seminal, Menstrual and Sexual Organs, Diseases of the Skin and Blood, Rheumatism, Fever and Ague, Chills and Fever, Malarial Diseases.
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THE OLD HEAD'S FRIEND.
A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY!
CARBOLINE!
A Deodorized extract of Petroleum,
The Only Article that Will Restore Hair on Bald Heads.
What the World has been Wanting for Centuries.
The greatest discovery of our day, so far as a large portion of humanity is concerned, is CARBOLINE, an article prepared from petroleum, and which effects a complete and radical cure in case of baldness, or where the hair, owing to diseases of the scalp, has become thin and tends to fall out. It is also a speedy restorative, and while its use secures a luxuriant growth of hair, it also brings back the natural color, and gives the most complete satisfaction in the using. The falling out of the hair, the accumulations of dandruff, and the premature change in color are all evidences of a diseased condition of the scalp and the glands which nourish the hair. To arrest these causes the article used must possess medical as well as chemical virtues, and the change must begin under the scalp to be of permanent and lasting benefit. Such an article is CARBOLINE, and, like many other wonderful discoveries, it is found to consist of elements almost in their natural state. Petroleum oil is the article which is made to work such extraordinary results; but it is after it has been chemically treated and completely deodorized that it is in proper condition for the toilet. It was in far-off Russia that the effect of petroleum upon the hair was first observed, a Government officer having noticed that a partially bald-headed servant of his, when trimming the lamps, had a habit of wiping his oil-bemeared hands in his scanty locks, and the result was in a few months a much finer head of black, glossy hair than he ever had before. The oil was tried on horses and cattle that had lost their hair from the cattle plague, and the results were as rapid as they were marvelous. The manes and even the tails of horses, which had fallen out, were completely restored in a few weeks. These experiments were heralded to the world, but the knowledge was practically useless to the prematurely bald and gray, as no one in civilized society could tolerate the use of refined petroleum as a dressing for the hair. But the skill of one of our chemists has overcome the difficulty, and by a process known only to himself, he has, after very elaborate and costly experiments, succeeded in deodorizing refined petroleum, which renders it susceptible of being handled as daintily as the famous *eau de cologne*. The experiments with the deodorized liquid on the human hair were attended with the most astonishing results. A few applications, where the hair was thin and falling, gave remarkable tone and vigor to the scalp and hair. Every particle of dandruff disappears on the first or second dressing, and the liquid, so carbolizing in its nature, seems to penetrate to the roots at once, and set up a radical change from the start. It is well known that the most beautiful colors are made from petroleum, and, by some mysterious operation of nature, the use of this article gradually imparts a beautiful light-brown color to the hair which by continued use, deepens to a black. The color remains permanent for an indefinite length of time, and the change is so gradual that the most intimate friends can scarcely detect its progress. In a word, it is the most wonderful discovery of the age, and will calculated to make the prematurely bald and gray rejoice.
We advise our readers to give it a trial, feeling satisfied that our statements will convince them of its wonderful effects.—*Pittsburgh Commercial*, Oct. 22, 1877.
The article is telling its own story in the hands of thousands who are using it with the most gratifying and encouraging results.
W. H. BULL & Co., Fifth Avenue Pharmacy, says, "We have sold preparations for the hair for upward of twenty years, but have never had one to sell as well or give such universal satisfaction. We therefore recommend it with confidence to our friends and the general public."
Mr. GUSTAVE F. HALL, of the Oates Opera Troupe, writes: "After six weeks' use I am convinced, as are also my comrades, that your 'Carboline' has and is producing a wonderful growth of hair where I had none for years."
C. H. SMITH, of the Jessie Hight Combination, writes: "After using your 'Carboline' three weeks I am convinced that bald heads can be re-haired. It's simply wonderful in my case."
B. F. ARTHUR, chemist, Holyoke, Mass., writes: "Your 'Carboline' has restored my hair after everything else had failed."
JOSEPH E. POND, attorney-at-law, Nashua, Mass., writes: "For more than 20 years a portion of my head has been as shiny and free from hair as a billiard ball, but some eight weeks ago I was induced to try your Carboline, and the effect has been simply wonderful. While no hair has been seen for years there now appears a thick growth, and I am convinced that by continuing I shall have as good a head of hair as I ever had. It is growing now nearly an inch a month, and but one dose after it is out."
CARBOLINE
Is now presented to the public without fear of contradiction as the best Restorative and Preserver of the Hair the world has ever produced.
Price, ONE DOLLAR per bottle.
Sold by all Druggists.
KENNEDY & CO., PITTSBURG, PA.,
Sole Agents for the United States, the Canadas and Great Britain.

Poetical.

THE OLD YEAR.

Another year has passed away,
Another portion of "the tale is told."
Again we're trying to be merry
O'er growing old.

Again with clang of bells and roar of guns,
And every merry sound the air is rent,
'Tis strange the world should be so jolly
O'er time misspent.

The old year has not been unkind,
Isn't well to laugh, now he lies gaunt and grim?
He used us better, kindlier far
Than we used him.

He gave us Wealth of corn and wine,
He gave us peace and joy and life,
We gave his precious golden hours
To pride and strife.

Then let us mourn the good old year that's gone
And let the bells ring him a parting knell,
The while we greet the happy new, and pray,
To use him well.

F. P. D.

THE MARRIAGE OF SANTA CLAUSE

Once Santa Clause sobered and said with a sigh,
While a tear added lustre to each twinkling eye,
"Oh! I'm getting so lonely and weary of life,
I need a companion, or, better, a wife:
But where could I find one to share my joy,
And love, as I do, every girl and boy?"
He thought and he pondered, this jolly recluse,
Then he shouted, "I have it; 'tis Old Mother Goose,"
He was off in a jiffy, he whistled, his sled
O'er the snow like the flight of a sky-rocket sped,
And his reindeer snorted, with heads high and haughty,
And trotted along at the rate of two-forty
So he found the old lady, of course, very soon—
She had just returned from a trip to the moon,
And was fixing her cap, slightly mussed by the ride
And the cobwebs were thick in the broom by her side.
She was old, she was weazened, she had a great nose,
Yet her eyes were as bright as the plumage of crows,
And her voice, tho' 'twas cracked, had a ring very sweet,
And her dress, tho' 'twas queer, was most awfully neat,
And Santa Clause blushed as he said, "How do do?"
The dame courtesied low, and replied "Sir, to you."
"Will you have me?" he pray'd; "my darling confess."
She hesitates, murmurs, and then whispers "Yes."
"But my children?" she cries, with the usual pause.
"Why children, I love 'em," said Bluff Santa Clause.
"Bring 'em out—where are they: I want em!" cried he,
So forth troop they all in a great company.
First comes a fair maiden, and know her we should.
By the wolf and her granny—'tis Red Riding Hood;
While after them, fearfully blowing his horn,
Is little Boy Blue on his way from the corn;
And the notes of the music he sweetly doth play
Brings the piper's son Tom from the hills far away.
And then with a jump and a roll down the hill
With pails and with water bounce poor Jack and Jill.
Their crowns were both broken and help they implore
From old Mother Hubbard and Margery Daw,
As well as a nameless man, tattered and torn,
Who is kissing and kissing a maiden forlorn.
And forth from her garden, in a way quite contrary,
With fruits and with flowers, comes sweet Mistress Mary;
Then Simon the simple returns from the fair,
With the pie-man, most cautious in selling his ware;
While dragging their tails behind flock in the sheep
Of the wandering shepherdess Little Bo Peep.
A very old woman lugs up an old shoe,
And out jump her children a boisterous crew;
Some sing, and some dance, and some of them play
"The Mulberry Bush" and Rain, rain go away."
But one little boy slinks off in the corner
And munches his pie—'tis greedy Jack Horner;
While Poor Tommy Tucker expects some in vain
And bewails his fate with Tom Grace who's in pain.
But music has charms and they list to the song
Of that jolly musician the young Richard Long.
Then old King Kole and his fiddlers three
Bring up the rear of this vast company;
"They are just what I want" shouts old Santa Claus,
Mother Goose and her children ring out their applause.
"Now all jump aboard—our new home we'll explore;
On my sled there has ever been room for one more."
With shouts and with laughter they all tun'ole within
And wrapped buffalo robes close beneath every chin;
The reindeers they galloped, the moon shone out bright
As they hurried along in its soft silvery light,
And the fat, jolly driver chuckled often in glee
At the sight of his wife and his vast family.
And the songs of the children rang out in the air
And they journeyed along disregarding all care,
Till they reached the great palace and thro' it to roam,
And forever to be happy within their new home.

Select Story.

HOW IT WAS KEPT.

BY MARY GRACE HALPINE.

'You and I will never marry, will we, Tom?' said pretty Jessie Juniper to her tall and handsome brother.

'Never, sis, was the quite emphatic response. 'We will live together all our days, and be just the happiest old maid and old bachelor that ever existed!'

This was the compact entered into by Jessie and her brother Tom not long after the death of their father; and certainly none was ever made in more sincerity and good faith. Tom had always considered Jessie as just the best and dearest sister in the world, and Jessie was equally sure there was no one quite like brother Tom, and in the sorrow and loneliness of their common bereavement, their hearts turned to each other with redoubled tenderness and affection.

Mr. Juniper had been in affluent circumstances, leaving his property, by will, to his two children, to be divided by them in any way to suit themselves. And here arose the nearest approach to a quarrel that the two had ever had; Jessie declared that Tom, who had all the trouble of its management, ought to have the largest portion, and Tom insisting, just as strenuously, that Jessie, who was less able to care for herself, ought to have more than he. It was finally settled that Jessie was to take the money and personal property, and Tom the business and real estate, and that they were to live together in the old homestead, just as they always had done.

Tom certainly had no reason to be dissatisfied with this arrangement. Jessie was not only housekeeper, but took a genuine pride and pleasure in her work. The house was orderly and his meals nicely cooked and served, and Jessie always ready in the evening to talk to, or to play and sing for him.

Jessie had no cause for discontent, either. Tom was a model brother, always merry and good tempered, and rarely coming home without bringing her a new book or magazine, or something that he thought would interest and please her. Neither of them went much into society, but when they did it was always together; it being often remarked how attentive Tom was to his sister at such times, and how happy Jessie was with her brother's escort and society. This arrangement was not so satisfactory, however, to many of their mutual friends and acquaintances, and there was a good deal of murmuring, especially among the sterner sex, some of whom did not hesitate to declare that it was downright selfish in in Tom Juniper thus to monopolize his pretty sister, especially when there were plenty of other people's sisters around unappropriated.

Tom visited New York every three months for the purpose of buying goods. One day he returned from the city in high spirits even for him.

'I met John Hammond in New York, Jessie. He's head clerk in a large wholesale house there. And such a glorious time as we had talking over old affairs! He's just the same frank, pleasant, agreeable fellow! You remember my introducing him to you at the State fair a year ago last fall?'

Yes. Did he mention his sister Julia? We were schoolmates, you know, and fast friends.'

'I saw her. Nothing would suit but I must go home with him to dinner. I spent two evenings there, besides; and very pleasant evenings they were. John is just as outspoken and full of fun as ever. What do you think he said to me as we went out for a stroll after dinner?'

'Tom, old fellow,' said he, 'why don't you get married? A steady, sensible, good-looking man like you ought to have a wife.'

'I told him that I had the best sister and housekeeper in the world, and didn't need any. Then you ought to have heard him lecture me on my selfishness.

'"Not content,' he said, 'with refusing to make some woman happy, but you must go deliberately to work to make some poor man wretched for life.'

'I declare sis, I began to be afraid that it was a little selfish and miserly to keep so much sweetness and beauty under lock and key.'

'Nonsense, Tom!' retorted Jessie, coloring. 'As though I would exchange my brother for the best man living. And I think it is very impertinent in Mr. Hammond to—to make such uncalled-for remarks about me.'

'You're entirely in the wrong,' was the eager response; 'John had not such a thought in his heart, in fact, he has a—a high respect for you. Said he had heard Julia talk of you so much that he felt quite acquainted. She has your picture in her album. I've seen her photograph in yours and so recognized it at once.'

'Julia was just the dearest and sweetest girl in school,' responded Jessie, with enthusiasm. 'How was she looking, and what did she wear?'

'I couldn't tell you a thing that she wore; though I know that it was all very stylish and wonderfully becoming. As to her face, it is very interesting and attractive, but not so pretty as yours.'

'That's because you are so partial to me, Tom,' said Jessie, laughing and blushing. 'Julia was always called a great deal the prettiest at school.'

'She is certainly very agreeable. And I must say that John and I are both very fortunate—in our sisters. She sent you more kind messages than I can remember; made me promise to bring you with me the next time I came to the city.'

Tom was careful to keep his word, taking his sister with him the next time he went to New York for the purpose of spending a few weeks with her old schoolmate. John and Tom were honestly glad to see each other, and as for the two girls, they were delighted with the opportunity to renew their schoolday friendship. Altogether it was a very pleasant and happy party.

This being Jessie's first visit to New York, John and his sister formed various plans for the entertainment of their guest, some of which were carried into execution during the period of Tom's stay which was limited.

Now Jessie had not only a warm, grateful heart, but was very demonstrative in her affection, and she was far from satisfied with her brother's bearing toward their fair and lovely hostess, of whom she was so affectionately fond.

'Tis nothing in the world but shyness,' she said to herself; 'but it looks like coldness and inattention, and I wouldn't have Julia think ill of Tom for the world. I must give him a hint.'

Jessie gave her brother a strong hint the first time they were alone together.

'You know, Tom, dear,' she said, there is no one, generally speaking, that I would so soon have for my escort as you; but now that we are both visiting a lady friend, it is different. Julia is doing all she can to make my stay with her pleasant, and I want you to be just as polite and attentive to her as possible.'

Tom fell in very readily and cheerfully with his sister's suggestion, not only giving her no further cause to find fault with him in this respect, but much for approval.

He became Julia's escort upon all and every occasion, John performing the same friendly office for Jessie, and very satisfactorily as far as appearances indicated.

Heretofore Tom's stay in the city never exceeded a week; now it was extended nearly three. Then business obliged him to return, leaving his sister, at Julia's eager request, to remain a while longer.

'I'll be home in two weeks,' said Jessie as Tom kissed her good-bye.

Jessie honestly intended to keep her word, too, but instead of doing so her stay prolonged week after week, till it amounted to nearly a month, the days passing so swiftly that it was only by an effort of the memory that she could bring herself to believe that it was half that time.

When she did return we are compelled to state that she left the most valuable part of herself behind. When or how her heart had been wiled away from her Jessie could not have told if she had tried, though possibly John might, who was the person chiefly at fault in the matter, if fault it could be called. He had offered her his own heart in return, which, if not a fair equivalent, was certainly the best he could do.

John was such an eager and ardent suitor, overruling so completely all her objections, that it was only when Jessie was seated in the cars, on her way home that she began to reflect on the nature of the pledge she had given him, and how seriously it conflicted with another and earlier promise. The nearer she got to her destination the more uneasy she became.

'I don't know what Tom will say!' was her inward reflection. 'I've treated the poor, dear fellow shamefully every way. There he's been taking his meals at the hotel all these weeks, and living nobody knows how. And now I've almost promised John I'll leave him altogether.'

Now John was on the same train though Jessie was ignorant of it, being altogether too good a general not to follow up his advantage. When the train stopped at Cedarville he was careful to remain out of sight until Jessie had left it. Not being expected on that train Jessie found no one waiting for her at the station, and so took the most direct way home, meeting Tom at the door.

Having wrought herself up to a pitch of remorseful tenderness, Jessie threw her arms around her brother's neck and burst into tears, then, having bestowed upon herself a variety of epithets of a far from complimentary nature, she ended by declaring that she was never half so wretched in her life.

The thoughts that were uppermost in Tom's mind made him ascribe his sister's otherwise unaccountable words and conduct to only one source. He looked greatly perplexed and troubled.

'My dear Jessie, if you only knew how much it grieves me to give you any pain. I would rather it had been left to me; but now that all is known let us talk the matter over calmly. Julia knows of our compact, and how I would naturally feel under the circumstances, and I must say that I consider it a strong proof of her regard for my happiness that she should have written about you so frankly and kindly.'

There were no tears now in the flashing eyes that were directed toward the speaker.

'Has Julia been writing to you about me?'

'Certainly. I had a letter from the dear girl yesterday. If it were intended for any other eye but mine I would like to have you read it. She speaks of you with so much affection I infer that you had a talk before you left?'

'I never said a word to her, and I don't consider that she had any business to write you about it at all. I haven't forgotten my promise, neither. I told John that I would never consent unless you consented too.'

Tom looked at his sister's flushed face in perplexity and amazement.

'Of course, I consent. How else could any such question arise between us?' It is your consent that is needed, or, rather your release to me of the promise I made you.'

'You mean your release to me of the promise I made you?'

'I mean nothing of the kind, though, of course, that would follow. Julia has conscientious scruples about giving me a decided answer until I have talked to you and won you over.'

'Almost exactly what I said to John.'

'But I am not talking about John, but Julia.'

'And I am not talking about Julia, but John!' laughed Jessie, on whose befogged mind a light suddenly broke, and which sent the blood in crimson waves to the temples.

Here she caught a glimpse of John coming up the walk. Knowing what his errand was she escaped by one door while he entered by another, running up stairs to her own room.

She obeyed very cheerfully, however, the summons which reached her a few minutes later.

Tom met her at the door, his face wearing a very smiling aspect as he led her up to their guest.

'John and I have made arrangements, Jessie, which your presence is needed to ratify. I have promised that if he will give me his sister that I will give him mine.'

That neither Jessie nor Julia refused to ratify this pledge, the double wedding that followed affords the most satisfactory proof. The utmost harmony exists between the two families, now so happily united. In their frequent interchange of visits Tom and Jessie often laughingly allude to their compact and how it was kept.'

What Everybody Wants

It is a pleasant, reliable medicine that never does anybody any harm, and presents and cures disease by keeping the stomach in perfect