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SELECT STORY. HOW HE PROPOSED. Major Clinton was one of the most courageous fellows in the world...

Major Clinton was one of the most courageous fellows in the world, according to the men who knew him...

but when the ladies of his acquaintance heard his opinions they laughed him to scorn, for they considered him the most timid creature they had ever seen.

He was very fond of ladies' society, they said, or he would not spend all his evenings at parties or making calls; yet no one lady, young or old, single or married, had ever known him to express his regard in any way that was not extremely decorous and formal.

They would as soon think of a tombstone or a telegraph pole attempting to flirt. Most of the Major's male acquaintances carried scars on their hearts, as results either of attacks more honorable than judicious, or of sudden surprises by fair-skinned girls; but no one could imagine the Major to have suffered any such mishap; for he not only made no reconnoissances, but he always wore a precipitately withdrawn look at the first flash of a pair of eyes leveled directly at him.

The truth was that the brave Major was not only as modest as a model maiden, but he was painfully bashful to whom he had never been introduced, and upon whose rare purity and sweetness he had based his ideas of womanhood. Both married and went far from their old home, so they could not help him to gain a wife by disabusing him of his impression that all women were too good for him.

Clinton nearly every woman appeared a saint. He worshipped one after another, although only one at a time, and his tastes were so correct that he was obliged to change his divinity about once in three months to avoid worshipping another god.

Clinton was an old soldier and a delicious trooper of the heart of a new day that had found its way into his heart he vowed solemnly to propose at once and vary the dreadful monotony of having another proposal rejected.

And each time he delayed just for a day or a week, or because he feared too much or hoped too wildly and every time he waited a little too long—every time but one.

When the Major met Alice Wallerson he felt that his life would be more than his life could endure. She was "pretty, as all women seemed to the Major. She was good and she was sweet, the Major was sure, she was like all other women sure, she was like her first of all, she seemed the most noble and beautiful maiden in his whole circle of acquaintances, and through these qualities would be able to offer him sympathy with feelings that all other people regarded with provoking smiles.

But how could he propose to a woman, her husband's nature was far more sensitive than his own, so even if he were to nerve himself to the ideal, how could he be enough of a brute to inflict greater trepidation upon her, if he loved her? Even were she to consent, how could he be sure that she would be true to him? It was sure that listening to a proposal would put her heart in a terrible tumult; how much more dreadful would it be, then, for her to listen to him should she not be favorably disposed.

He knew that she always looked at him pleasantly, and for all sobs of the eyes it was the greatest glory of the world.

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Wagons of To-Day. THE DEACON'S WONDERFUL ONE HORSE SHAY OUTDOES.

"Great Car, but that's a stunning wagon!" exclaimed a New Jersey acquaintance, as a vehicle arrayed in all the splendor of new varnish and black onyx wheels, gliding by.

"Yes," coolly replied the man about town, "that's a fine turnout. Do you know, every time I see a fine wagon I think of two things,—one of them is the trouble that the good old Deacon had in building his wonderful one-horse shay, and the other is how much time and worry he might have saved had there been such an establishment in his town as that kept by Israel Bittenbender of Franklin avenue. I always imagine I can see the old Deacon in a brown study when he...

For to see, said the deacon, 'tis mighty plain that the weakest spout must strain the strain, 'tis the way to fix it, as I maintain, is only just to make that pipe as strong as the post.

He can see the good old fellow now as he went hum-along all through the well-wrought shafts of that region, looking for suitable material to build his wonderful shay out of. Everything had to be made by hand, and without a doubt the good old deacon sometimes felt discouraged at the job before him, and wanted to say this to that deacon as supposed to say. How different would all this have been had such an establishment as Bittenbender's been in existence.

This conversation led the reporter to make an early visit to the Bittenbender establishment, and he found several matters of considerable interest, he decided to write them up for the benefit of the numerous readers of the News.

The interest of those who like plain unvarnished facts, it may as well be stated that wagon building is not like boot and shoe making. Every wagon now devices are conjured up to make boots and shoes wear for a good while, they used to last "in the good old times," but wagons are built stronger and stronger every year.

THE BEGINNING. To begin at the beginning we will state that the extensive wholesale establishment of Israel Bittenbender for the sale of wagon and coach materials, at Scranton was started in 1867. The starting was on modest capital in one small room, which now looks insignificant when compared with the mammoth establishment of the present day.

Great strides have been made in wagon building since the close of the war. When the Bittenbender establishment was first started, and for several years afterwards, all over the country were preferred against purchasing their supplies of large furnishing establishments, and for a short time went on in the hard old way of playing spoke and chisel, bellows and doing everything the hardest way imaginable. Why the first stock of wheels that this establishment daren venture on purchasing was ten sets which was thought to be a large stock.

Thousands of sets are now kept constantly in stock, from which the small dealers all over the country are supplied.

The comparison between the room in which the business first started, and the present rooms in use, is startling. In 1867 a room twenty by thirty feet accommodated the trade. Now the amount of room used constantly would more than supply the demand.

The New Yorker found both Mr. Bittenbender and Mr. J. Kemmerer at home. The latter acted in the capacity of guide through the establishment. They first went from the main building, at 128 Franklin avenue, across the street to No. 111, on the second floor of this building were stored an immense stock of wheels, and gear of every description. Every available foot of the large main floor, and two extensive l's were in use. On the third floor was found a very extensive stock of the best material, heavy bodies of platform wagons, iron platforms, tops, &c. On this floor is kept a large stock of a substance called Excelsior. It is composed of wood, is nearly as soft as sea moss, and is used by upholsterers, cracker packers, and other dealers. This material is bought in carload lots. Immense quantities are used every month by the Weston Mill Company, and by Monies & Pugh, for packing crackers. On this floor is also kept a stock of bellows and fans for blacksmiths, also a stock of iron and wood saws, and other things. Fans are superseding bellows as they give a blast instantly, and the blast comes instantly as it is started. The stock of anvils, and other blacksmithing tools are kept in another part of the establishment.

In the rear part of the building reached by Centre street, is a large basement filled with wagon rims. The first floor is stored with bows, buggy bodies and surplus stock. The second floor contains bows, sleigh bendings and cutters all ironed and ready for sale to the fishers.

THE MAIN BUILDINGS. The reporter is escorted back again to No. 128 Franklin avenue. Leaving the front room in which is located the office, a concrete building in the rear is approached. The building contains four floors, each 52 by 22 feet inside dimensions.

The fourth floor is stacked and piled full of heavy rims, bows, and shafts. In a few days this room will be used entirely for a shaft and rim room.

The third floor is used for the storage of spokes. Spokes are tied up in bunches of fifty-two for heavy wagon shafts, and sixty in the light sizes. All of this part of the State is supplied with spokes from here. It is one man's business to keep this department in shape. Mr. Kemmerer said that it was a great deal of effort to keep a good supply of spokes on hand. There were a number of them had to be brought from North Carolina. "Why," Mr. Kemmerer, "a spoke must be stiff as well as tough. If spokes are not stiff, the wheels become 'dished,' and soon give out.

The second floor is used for heavy hardware, such as axles, bar-steel, iron, etc. Over a thousand sets of axle goods are constantly stored here, representing over eleven thousand dollars.

The first floor is used for hubs. Only the very best grades of hubs are handled by Mr. Bittenbender. This has become a necessity, as out of ordinary stock the loss is an average of one set out of five of the general make. The best hub in use is that made by John Urnston, of Rahway, New Jersey, who has a patent process of drying them so that they will not check. Back of this building is kept a large stock of iron.

The main ware-room is a large cellar which is used for the storage of pipe boxes, iron, mss, leather and dry paints.

Speaking of pipe boxes reminds us that a great many steel pipe boxes are now used. They cannot be broken, while the old iron boxes broke at the arm at least in ten.

We were shown a patent pipe, rubber-covered, which renders the slipping of the foot almost an impossibility. They are mainly used on carriages of a higher grade. Every piece that enters into the make-up of a carriage can be furnished through any trouble whatever.

Really, the establishment of Israel Bittenbender is one of the largest in the State. It is the only one of the kind in Scranton, or in northeastern Pennsylvania. It is an institution that Scrantonians have a right to feel proud over, as it contributes very much towards making our city of importance to the surrounding territory.

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A Few Famous Irish Duels. STORIES OF CURHAN, LORD NORBURY, PAT POWER AND OTHER IRISH FIGHTERS.

From the New York Sun. During the days of the old Parliament in College Green, Dublin, violent altercations leading to duels, were constant occurrences. Crowds of fashionable ladies, as at the Spanish bull fights, thronged the galleries to applaud and encourage them. Grattan was a capital shot, and gave up many hours to practice, as O'Connell admitted that he had himself done in early life. Paragraphs and pistols were Grattan's daily employment near Lucan, where he first lived. Caesar's character of Brutus, "Quid quid ultra, valde vult," which an eminent Western scholar translated, "What he wants, he wants like an apple," applied to Grattan in everything—in writing mark or sharpening a sarcasm, in satirizing the treasury bench or shooting down a minister.

Curran, whose humor was perfect, and never deserted him, even on such occasions, was once challenged to a duel by a barrister named Barrow, supposed to be an incurable libel. When they met Curran's second came to him and said: "The second of your antagonist requests, as his principal is in a very feeble condition, that he may be allowed to stand against the milestone where he is standing during the exchange of shots." "Certainly," said Curran with a twinkle of the eye, "provided I am allowed to lean against the next mile stone."

Hutchinson, the Provost of Trinity College, who himself fought a duel with Doyle, a master in Chancery, in which three shots were exchanged, said, when a pupil asked his advice about a course of legal study: "Buy a case of good pistols, learn the use of them, and they will get you on faster than Ferrar or Blackstone."

It was a favorite boast of the infamous Lord Norbury that he began life with a £50 note and a brace of hair-trigger pistols. The last were hair-trigger pistols. The last were hair-trigger pistols. The last were hair-trigger pistols.

Power desired his servant to attend to him, directing him in Irish what to do, quietly sitting on the sofa, and to the great amusement of the Englishmen. Presently his servant appeared with two more covered dishes, one of which he laid down before his master and the other before the persons in the opposite box. In the cover were two dishes of soup, and a potatoe. He asked the waiter to whom he was indebted for such fare. The waiter pointed to two gentlemen in the opposite box.

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