MIDNIGHT IN A DEAD HOUSE.

light leisurely puffing our cigars when one of the hospital nurses came out and whispered to the doctor that Sailor John was "agoin." The passing away of a mortal is an event about which there is always, something of the most about which there is always, something of the most about which the must be in its leer. there is always something of the mys-terious, and so we walked down the long corridor and entered ward 12. The nurse was right John was "agoin." Like an alto relievo, out of the crum-pled pillow rose a face that was Roman in its rugged outline, and even the pinched nose, sunken eyes and compressed lips did not obliterate the likeness to some of those historic busts dug up among the ruins of early Italy. A student said it looked like Seneca. and truly there was much to recall the old philosopher in the wrinkled fea-

The man in bed 27, restless with fever, turned over so as to face the couch of the dying, and with wild staring eyes watched every sinking respiration of the old sailor.

An awkward plethoric beetle buzzed around the gas jet in an irregular orbit, its hum being the only sound to students had been at work preparing ings of the sufferer softly punctuated.
The dector lifted the sheet and felt the pulse of the patent. pulse of the patent. "Its' about over," too anxious about my case to miss my he remarked and he laid down the helpless arm.

There was a rattle in the throat, a long-drawn sigh, as if all the sorrows of a lifetime were relieved as it died away, and then the eyes opened. They ooked into the doctor's, and seeming to find comfort in the returning glance Then there was a twitching of the muscles of the mouth, and in a supreme climax of effort the lips moved and faintly came forth, "Hard a port it is, A slight tremor shook his frame

and all was over.

John had reached harbor. Then there was a tread of feet in the corridor and the carriers of the dead came in, and John was taken out to the dead-house and laid beside other storm tossed barks that had that day found a last mooring place, whither the whole armada of humanity drift at last. The hospital bell gave one stroke to announce the departure of another soul, and then the nurse looked over the ward book to see who next should receive his dose of medicine, and hospital life resumed its quiet current.

We went back to the portico and resumed our cigars. "A curious fellow, that," said the doctor; this is his fifth visit here, and he knew it would be his last. He was always begging me to be at his side when the end came, and by good luck I chanced here to-night.

"Strange as it may seem to you, this same man was once a king. You smile, same man was once a king. You smile, but, nevertheless, it is true. He was cast away in the Pacific and reached one of the small islands out there, where he lived and became the ruler of a little kingdom. He lovged for white

lighting a fresh cigar. "It is his curious ideas of his ability to come back from the other world. He has talked to me by the hour on this subject until I put him down as a spiritualist of the most orthodox kind. He has promised me to make his presence known on the night of his nativity, June 30, and has excited my curiosity not a lit.

"I he could only do that," said I, "it would be the solving of all our doubts."

"Yes," replied the doctor, "no message ever came from beyond the Styx, and good sailor as John was, he canand good sailor as John was, he canand

was one known and loved throughout color, and some things came back to the city and State. It is but a little over a year since he, too, crossed the Foot Prints on the Boundaries of An-Lethean stream, but before his death he told the writer the facts given be-

would be as little daunted by the ap- his persistent asseverations of the pospearance of a simon-pure ghost as he sibilities of the intellectual spirit rewould by the approach of an old friend. turning to this world of the flesh. It was but a short time before his death and whilst Canal street was a On it came, still sliding along in a dipandemonium of sound, and horns and fire-crackers were making Christmas Eve hideous, that, seated in his office, the conversation turned on things supernatural. The trepidations of youth over spooks and the fears of the superstitious of older growth were laughed at, and it was not until the subject drifted to hospital life that the doctor exclaimed:

On it came, still sliding along in a direct line towards me.

"Do what I could I could not shake off the feeling of uneasiness and disquiet. I did not like the situation—that about expressed it.

"E—e—e—cks," grated the skull's bony points on the floor, the sound tingling my nerves as when one scratchest finger nail on brick or rough surface.

"That's a fact ; I don't believe I ever told you my experience in the dead-house of the hospital after Sailor John's death. I never cared about saying anything regarding it, for if I have to confess it, for the first time in my life gaslight making them saffron yellow. I was a little weak.

"You know the dead-house at Charity hospital and its interior ? Well, I had It was unbearable. I was become had a case of aneurism that puzzled all of us, and, being a young physician then, I had a natural pride in my diagnosis, which did not agree with that of the other surgeons. So I determined the other surgeons. So I determined the other surgeons and the interior, well, I had the was unbearable. I was decoming the variable and the was unbearable. I was decoming the variable and the was unbearable. I was decoming the variable and the was unbearable. I was decoming the variable and the was unbearable. I was decoming the variable and the was unbearable. I was decoming the variable and the was unbearable. I was decoming the variable and the was unbearable. I was decoming the variable and the was unbearable. I was decoming the variable and the variabl that when the patient died, as he was sure to do, I would hold an autopsy.

Well, the poor fellow succumbed at last, and as I had been busy all day I

"Out jumped a large rat and ran could not get back to the hospital un-til 11 o'clock on the night of June 30.

I remember the date well. Illumina-

my student life at the hospital, going the cavity in which the brain had been out there at that time of night producthrough the foramen magnum or apered not the slightest impression upon me: We were too used to such things to notice them. In fact, so great was with the brain. The skull turned over,

"It was anything but a pleasant he could not get his body out.

night. I may say that I cannot remember a more disagreeable one. A bluswas a slip of paper, and on tering norther was blowing and a heavy rain falling. The wind moaned around the eaves of the hospital as if around the eaves of the hospital as if hundreds of sufferers were in agony, and the gurgle of water in the gutters leading to the cistern was anything but musical. Once in a while a flash of lightning threw out in relief the bodies lying on other table awaiting bur- on that night. Certainly it was a night of nights

for a visit to a dead-house.

"Well, I took off my oilcloth coat, opened my dissecting case, and started to work. The wind stole in through crevices and flared the gas so that I was delayed in my investigation con-siderably. But after an hour's labor, siderably. But after an hour's labor, I appruached the solution of the problem over which I had so long studied.

quer my eagerness.

"The face of the dead man was ash en in its paleness, and his flesh was as "N. O. Times-Democrat."

cold as marble. Looking back at the picture now, I don't think I ever saw a

"The patter of the rain upon the roof was incessant, but it sounded pleas aut, for it seemed company to one. Still it did not drown all other sounds, for now and again above the storm there came from the female ward wail of anguish from a poor sufferer in

"It took but a few minutes' smoking o recover my steadiness of hand, and

footstep, but was somewhat like a shuffling of feet.
"Instinctively I looked in that direc-tion, and noticed for the first time some four or five skulls on the floor in a paropportunity.

"Applying myself again to my sub-ject, I was soon lost in the peculiar developments my eye discovered each moment, when I was again annoyed by a distinct sound from the corner.

"Glancing in that direction, it must be confessed I was not a little surprised of compassion, they closed slowly. to see one of the skulls moving slowly toward me along the flagging of the floor. 1 rubbed my eyes and looked again. There it was—the fleshless sockets of the eyes gazing at me, the uneven, jagged teeth giving a ghastly wise be less certain to keep well. Still

grin to the month.
"It is a little difficult for me to tell exactly what were my feelings. That they were peculiar I frankly admit. I fell to studying about the cause of this motion on the part of the skull, and, examined closely to see whether or not there was a string attached and a student playing one of his pranks. "But no. In the light I could plain

ly discern there was nothing attached to this relic of humanity. Then what

"After it had advanced about three

a little kingdom. He longed for white society and abdicated and went back to the sea.

"But that is not what I ment that had now began to rise within me. I whispered to myself how much I would have railed at any other brother physician should he have told presented in Section 2. "But that is not what I want to speak about," the doctor went on, ing of nervousness under similar cir. and has excited my curiosity not a lit- a force at work to impel that grim ing the grapes in a dark room subject fragment of human frame toward me. a to slight current of heated air. Thus

and good sailor as John was, ne can and good sailor as John was, ne can ish me.

The dreary monotone of the rain and The dreary monotone of the wind sobbing of the wind The above little episode happened in the Charity hospital about the middle of May, 1869, and the doctor spoken of the unearthly sobbing of the wind turned my reflections to a more sombre low, speaking of them as a curious co-incidence, and not for a moment look-ing at them in a superstitious light.

He was a man of remarkable nerve.

He was a man of remarkable nerve. was as brave as Coeur de Leon and ied some three weeks, Sailor John and

"There! The skull moved again.

surface. "My pulse grew more frequent. experienced a chilly sensation down my back, and a cold perspiration damp-

ened my forehead. "They at least did not move.
"I could stand the strain no longer

"With a bound I sprang toward the

ting the inside room of the dead-house, there was but a single gas burner alight. Rigid on one of the dissecting tables was my subject awaiting me.

"Examining the skull I saw how it tables was my subject awaiting me. "Examining the skull I saw how it "I needn't tell you that, after all of had occurred. The rat had entered

my desire to prove my diagnosis correct as against that of other physicians, I thought only of the case, and nothing else.

with the brain. In sact the creature, imprisoning the body of the creature, and permitted the use of his feet only through this foramen. He could move the skull, but while it was on the floor

"Pasted across the whitened brow was a slip of paper, and on it a studen'ts name—'Henry J. Stubbs'—and below 'Skull of Sailor John, a King of W

"I regretted the intervention of the rat. Had that animal never been dis-covered by me there would have been an excellent foundation for a ghost story, on which I could have made my affidavit and thus swelled the number of authenticated cases of remarkable spiritual manifestations. But the rat

so full of anxiety was I my hand trembled, and seeing this I stopped, filled my pipe and began smoking to contract the skull's movements the nervous region ing did not pass off for some time, and even now when June 30 comes around I think of Sailor John and his promise, "Even with the full explanation of

Preseavation of Fruits

The first picking of apples is usually the best, and ought to be laid aside for winter use. The second gathering—for apples are rarely twice hand picked—should be sorted out, the least injured ones laid aside and then preserved, and those most injured used at once. When cider is made at home the same rules hold good. Work up those apples that look least likely to keep. As we are anxious to relieve the overataked housewife, we strongly impress on all persons that they should secure a large proportion of their fruit safe for winter consumption, and that in a state of nature, without giving their wives the trouble of canning such large quantities that are usually put up in

ped in paper, then stored in an atmos-phere that is uniform and moderate. it feeding; to avoid this a lath coop will keep with case far into the next should be made with laths far enough year. It is also necessary from week apart to allow the small chicks to enter to week to enter the fruit room—which for food, but not the larger. Some should not be allowed to become damp on any account, as damp speedily de-stroys vegetable matter—and look over the rows of fruit. This can be done by taking up a pear or apple here and there at regular intervals and ex-

found unsound. In harvesting small fruit, care must be had to collect them in dry weather; otherwise, they will require more sugar fruit—that is, apples, pears, peaches, nectarines, and such like—bear to be preserved when only slightly pinked. Quinces ought to be canned or made into consistent preserves about one month after having been harvested. The saccharine matter in the fruit is

if all found safe, rejecting it if it is

set by that time. The harvesting of nuts is a small matter, yet annually bushels of nuts are lost by storing them in a damp condition in frozen cellars or over heated "Still engrossed with my endeavors to solve this mystery, I did not take my eyes off this skull."

"Still engrossed with my endeavors diately after the slight frosts, all nuts should be gathered, the husks removed and the nuts allowed to remain ex-"Slowly, stealthily and steadily it came on directly towards where I was sitting on a high stool. The motion produced a dull, grating sound, as some sharp protuberances of bone scratched on the marble slabs. is the worst possible place to store fruits in. As every cellar is below the surface, it is more or less damp, if not artificially heated, and artificial heat is expensive, and dampness is strongly antagonistic to safe keeping of any veg-

the grapes are partially dried, and though sweetened by the process, lose their freshness and part of their fine

flavor. In the British Isles, where only hothouse grapes can be brought to matu-rity, the clusters are retained on the vines for weeks after they have become ripe by simply moderating the heat of the conservatory; also by cuttling the clusters just before they are entirely ripe, dipping the ends of the stalks into a mixture of hot rosin and sealingwax, and then suspending them in cool, dry and dark atmosphere.

Tomatoes will keep fresh and sound for months, if carefully picked from the vines before quite ripe, allowed to sweat twice, then wiped dry, and stored as apples should be; they need not be as appres should be; they need not be wrapped in paper. Lemons and oranges require, however, to be wrapped in thin tissue paper. Bananas will remain fresh for a long time if only allowed to hang to their stem in a slight current of cool air. We have avoided suggesting the use of the thermometer, as we know full well that few country farm homes possess such instruments, and, indeed, when artificial means are not indeed, when artificial means are not at hand to afford heat or to produce it, a thermometer is of no practical use. Weat we advocate is the storing of fruits in commodious, cool, and well ventilated garret stores, rather than the huddling of them pellmell into damp underground cellars. Any man or wo-man accustomed to live much in open air is to himself or herself a certain thermometer, their sense of heat and sold being more acute than that of those living in-doors .- Cor. to Tribune

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> farmers use poles, piled up log cabin style. Keep narrowing in to the top and then place a wide board over the over the rows of fruit. This can be done by taking up a pear or apple here and there at regular intervals and examining its state, and then replacing it convenient during the entire breeding season. Watch now that your crops are large enough to accommodate the rapidly growing chicks without crowding them too much, these oppressive coops every day or so to new or fresh ground. See that both the fowls and chicks have accessible shade. The extremely warm weather is quite apt to cause enthusiasm to somewhat wane, but you cannot afford to neglect your poultry stock a single day. It is not so much the kind of fowls as the "keep" they get. Any breed poorly cared for does not amount to much, as poultry is unprofitable and overfed the

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8.30 p. m.—Williamsport accommodation (daily for Harrisburg and all intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 3 65 a. m.; New York, 6.10 a. m. sleeping car accommodations can be secured at Harrisburg tor Philadelphia and New York, On Sundays a through iselphia car will be run; on this train from Williamspot are will be run; on this train from Williamspot are will be run; on this train from Williamspot are will be run; on this train from Williamspot and mitermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia, 7.50 a. m. New York, 11.20 a. m.; Erig Mail (daily except Monday) for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia, 7.50 a. m. New York, 11.20 a. m.; Baltimore 7.40 a. m.; Washington, 8.50 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars are run on this train to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and through passenger coaches to Philadelphia, philadelphia, and Baltimore.

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5.15 a. m.—Erie Mall (dally except Sunday), for
Erie and all intermediate stations with through
Pullman Palace car and through passenger
coaches to Erie, and through Pullman Palace
cars to Buffalo via Emportum. On Sundays this
train runs to Removo, with Pullman Palace car to
Williamsport and passenger coaches to Removo.
For Canandaigua and intermediate stations,
Rochester, Buffalo and Nisgara Palls, (dally except
Sundays) with through Pullman Palace car and
passenger coaches to Rochester.

10.18—News Express (daily except Sunday) for
Lock Haven and intermediate stations. On Sundays this train runs only to Williamsport.

1.10 p. m.—Niagara Express (daily except Sunday) for Kane and intermediate stations with
through passenger coaches to Kane. For Canandaigua and principal intermediate stations,
Hochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls with
through passenger coaches to Rochester and Parlor car to Watkins.

5.35 p. m. Fast Line (daily except Sunday) for Re-

for car to Walkins.
5.35 p. m. Fast Line (daily, except Sunday) for Renovo and intermediate stations, and Elmira, Watkins and intermediate stations, with through pussenger coaches to Renovo and Walkins.
THROUGH TRAINS FOR SUNBURY FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

News Express leaves Philadelphia 4.30 a. m.; Harrisburg, 8.10 a. m. daily, arriving at Sunbury 10.15. 10.15. Niagara Express leaves
Philadelphia, 7.40 a. m.; Baltimore 7.20 a. m. (daily
except Sunday) arriving at Sunbury, 1.10 p. m.,
with through Parlor car from Philadelphia
and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and flatimore.
Past Line leaves New York 8.00 a. m.; Philadelphia, 11.10 a. m.; Washington, 9.40 a. m.; Raitimore, 19.50 a. m., (daily except Sunday) arriving a
Sunbury, 5.50 n. with through

more, 10.50 n. m., daily except Sunday) arriving a Sunbury, 5.20 p. m., with through passenger conches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Erie Mail leaves New York 8.00 p. m.; Philadelphia, 11.20 p. m.; Washington, 10.60 p. m.; Baltimore, 11.20 p. m.; daily) arriving at Sunbury 6.1 a. m., with through Pullman Sleephing care from Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia, Sleeper from Washington runs daily except Sunday. SUNBURY, HAZLETON & WILKESBARRE

RAILROAD AND NORTH AND WEST BRANCH RAILWAY. Wilkesbarre Mail leaves Sunday.)
Wilkesbarre Mail leaves Sunday 16.30 a. m.,
arriving at Bloom Ferry 11.37 a. m., Wilkes-barre
12.55 p. m. 12.55 p. m.

Express East leaves Sunbury 5.35 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 6.30 p. m., Wilkes-barre 8.00 p. m.

Sunbury Mail leaves Wilkesbarre 10.30 a. m. arriving at Bloom Ferry 12.01 p. m., Sunbury 12.55 p. m.

Express West leaves Wilkes-barre 2.46 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 4.15 p. m., Sunbury 5.10 p. m.

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Leave New York, via. Tamaqua 9,00 a. m. and ia. Bound Brook Route 7,45 a. m. Leave Philadelphia, 9,50 a. m. Leave Reading, 11,55 a. m., Pottsville, 19 24 p. s and Tamaqua, 1,35 p. m. Leave Catawissa, 5,30 11.15 a. m. and 4,00 p. m. Leave Williamsport, 9,45 a.m., 4.05 p. m. and 6.10 p. m. Leave Sunbury 4.19 p. m. Lewisburg 4.43 p. m.

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