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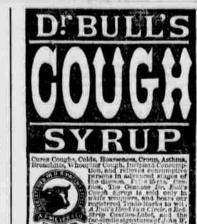
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THE NEW OPERATOR. HE ROMANCE OF THE NEW TELEGRAPH

OPERATOR AND HIS GIRL.

Nellie and Rob had quarreled. Not do many lovers for both were operators and had charge of offices whose wires were too busy to permit any war of words; but just enough space had occurred that morning for each to make the other miserable. There had long been an affinity between the two of a stronger nature than usually exists between telegraph operators. Nellie's tender touches upon the key could alone quiet the nervous twitching of Robin's arm when worn out by the rush of messages and train orders. She it was who seasoned the magne-tism of dots and dashes with a balm that kept his heart sweet and wholesome. This she often did weaving the good mornings and good menings into

lenghty tete-a-tetes.
It so happened one winter evening that Ned Owens, the operator at Pine Bluff, a little station intervening beween Milldale and Fairfield, made use of his ground wire, thus cutting off all giving himself free scope to talk to his pretty and scintillating cousin. She, powever was not kept in the dark as o the proceedings, and together they concacted a scheme to make the devoted Rob Price jealous.

"It will be such fun to know that Rob is fretting and fuming over a trouble that he believes to be caused by a fallen pole or a dislodged tree," said the bandsome Ned, his black eyes twinkling with mischief.
"And I, in trying to round off his

surmises, will give a sudden hint of the truth, get red in the face, and ap-pear much confused," continued the naughty Nellie, tapping her pretty toot auxiously against the embroidered footstool that adorned the little office. Poor Nellie Trumont! Little does she dream that long hours of suffering must atone for short interva's of heartlessness and coquetry.

So every day the ground wire went on, just at the time when Robin had a few minutes of rest to talk with his affianced, but no answers came to his

for, and the wholesouled Ned, confessing that something had bewitched him in Milldale, was pardoned at the head-quarters, and the matter dismissed. But into the heart of Robin Price crept a dark suspicion, which no syllogism of his sweetheart seemed true enough to obliterate. So a deep jeal-ousy budded in his life, that each day

unfolded and perfected. "I will leave her," he muttered. "Why toil and sweat out in existence for a creature who will perhaps wreck my manhood as she has threatened my youth ?" And with these thoughts animating his perpose he seized the key and called "Md," signing "Fd," those being the letters that designated the two stations, Milldale and Fairfield.

Nellie recognized the stroke and, pringing from her pet bird's cage to the table, opened the key and, after making several excited dots, signed her office call "Md." "I leave on 'No. 23' for California,"

were the words that the little brass sounder sang out. "To-night's express brings you a package and a letter that explains all. You have been false," the instrument continued to sing, and then came a pause and the circuit

Burning shame and indignation that e should thus accost her on a line where perhaps several dozen were list ening first seized her, and pride kept whispering in poor Nellie's ear. Open-ing again the key, she vehemently fingered it a moment and then plainly and leisurely drummed out the most provoking "O. K."

But O! how she longed to call it

back! How willingly she would have told him all, not trying to hide the scalding tears that forced their way down her burning cheeks. But it was

Robin's fears were now confirmed He was boarding the train for his west ern tour when some one slapped him on the shoulders, exclaiming, "Hello, old pard! What's the latest from Milldale ?" But, seeing the desperate glare in his rival's eye, he drew back a

foot or two.
"You coward," groaned Robin.
"How dare you meddle with my heart and now openly try to humiliate me But as he entered the coach Ned seized his arm saying, "Don't be rash, Rob. Come back into the office and I will make everything as clear as my conscience.

They did go back into the office, losed the door, and No. 23 went whizzing around the bend short one passen-

Poor Nellie! The next few weeks were long and empty. The spring wind, instead of blossoming the roses little office, which, like a neglected flower, had lost its freshness. The canary was drooping upon the perch from thirst and hunger, the desk was in confusion, and everything about the oom reflected her feelings. The spring time had made many

hanges upon the wire. Ned had detaken charge of his office, which had always been a kind of playground for her, when she gamboled at will. But now how changed! She would not dare to call this newcomer, who seemed always rushed with business, and he night operator at Fairfield had slipped into her lover's chair quite naturally, and taunted her with many an insinuation whenever she asked for information or showed a willingness to

Sitting one afternoon brooding over Roofing Slate,
Roofing Felts, 1, 2&3 she was aroused from the lethargy by her instrument clattering out her office

spring fever with your sprightliness?" said the same little sounder that had been tolling a funeral knell for so long.
"Good evening," was Nellie's timid
response. "You seemed always occu-

pied and I feared to intrude."
"Ha, ha," rattled the relay and sounder, both seeming to enjoy the change that had come over them."
"You are mistaken. Business is dull enough here. How do you pass your leisure time? I do not hear you as often as I did—as I did—ahem!—the lady operator or the C. A. Best Company of the control of t lady operator on the C. & A. line where I came from."

"Most any way," replied Nellie. "I crochet and make verses sometimes when there is a lull on the line." Then the demon of her old self came back to her and revived her spirits. "How prettily you send," wrote the dainty "Go ahead. I love to hear "Thanks,' said the new operator, be

ginning to make each sentence more complex and throwing alternate reflections of sunshine and shadow into them, which fairly dazzled Nellie's poetic nature and made an electric tremor creep along her nerves and flash through every fibre of her hungry heart. of his ground wire, thus cutting off all hope to have many more such chats communication between the lovers, but with you. Good night. Some one's calling on No. 9."

Thus it was that within the space of half an hour, Nellie's heart had undergone a recreation, and something like the old merriment crept into her bright eyes Every day brought a warmer sunshine into her life, which was fast chasing away the shadow that darken ed it, and all because she was loved by a stranger-the new operator. Try as she would, she could not help associating him with her truant lover. At times their touches upon the key were the same and their expressions facsimilies. One day she assayed to ask in a seemingly indifferent tone :

"Did you ever know 'B,' who worked days at 'Fd ?" "Know whom ?" clicked the instrument in return.

"Rob Price," replied Nellie with a tremble upon the last dot. "Ha! The dunce who broke his heart over your piece of fun with Ned? repeated, and reported it to the main shows; but say, don't make me jealous office. After testing the wires for by trying to resurrect him. May I and would like to accompany him"

on her desk as if it were dawn instead

of twilight. That night her dreams were trouble some, and when the morning looked in the window there were tears upon her stood talking to little Jack, who was caroling in his cage, when the train whistled. The engine pulled up slow-

"Nell," he said, "I beg a thousand pardons for abandoning you as I did, but I have a surprise for you," and throwing the door wide open he sented to her the new eperator-Robin

There he stood, with extended arms, ooking handsomer than ever, with the same soft hair curling over his brow. Nellie uttered a little shriek and fell in his arms.

Years and years have slipped by since then. Nellie is now a happy mother who draws her children about her at twilight and tells them stories of her truant lover, of Ned, and the New Operator.—J. I. M. in Chicago Tribune.

The Danger of Contagion in Throat Troubles.

The medical editor of Babyhood writes: A recent case within our knowledge, in which fatal diphtheria developed upon what had been believed to be a simple quinsy, suggests a few words regarding the duty of isolating any case of sore-throat where there are other children in the house. Without entering upon any disputed points regarding diphtheria, it is generally agreed that the distinctive, visible sign of it is its peculiar membranous deposit A case may present clearly the condiitons of a "common sore-throat," and subsequently diphtheria be unmistakably present. For one purpose it is unnecessary to discuss whether such cases are diphtheritic from the first, or become so. The point for parents to know is the sequence of dangerous symptoms upon those apparently slight not uncommon, and that it is better for them to isolate a child fifty times unnecessarily than to be neglectful

We would urge, then, that if it is at all possible, every child suffering from sore throat be isolated until it is dis on her cheeks, kissed away the flush and left her face wan and expression-less. Back and forth she went to the lation of patients, by the timidity or less. The lation of patients, by the timidity or less throat be isolated with transit and commerce between the States, its existence would be justified under the provisions of the suspiciousness of parents. If in such Constitution which gives to Congress a case as has been described the phyisolation, the family is of the timid type, is at once thrown into a panic. assuming that the physician really considers that the case is diphtheria or siders that the case is diphtheria or that he expects it will prove to be, and in State limits and threaten domestic serted his post and a new operator had that he is concealing the facts, while really he is only taking proper sanitary precautions. Other persons, on the other hand, mmediately interpret the physician's

frank statement of his reasons for isolating a supposed simple case as an evidence of want of knowledge on his part. They apparently think that to the properly educated physician, diseases are as distinct and as easily diseriminated as coins of different denomcall, and continuing to repeat the suggest on if they choose to do so. Intelligent people usually are grateful same until she had duplicated the letters in answer.

"Good evening, Miss N. I learned vesterday through Ned Owens, night "fuses" in the suggest on if they choose to do so. Intelligent people usually are grateful for the warning, even if it prove to have been unnecessary, and although they sometimes chaff the physician as vesterday through Ned Owens, night "fuses" is not a patent nostrum, but a resulting in the avoidance of content.

THE COLUMBIAN, VOL. XX, NO 17 COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT, VOL. L, NO 8 Cards in the "Business Directory" column, on dollar a year for each line.

THE LABOR TROUBLE. PRESIDENT CLEVELAND SUB-

LABOR FOR VOLUNTARY ARRI-

TRATION. CAUSES OF EX-

ISTING DISCONTENT. The President on Thursday of last week sent a message to Congress on the subject of the labor troubles. The

message in full is as follows: TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REP-RESENTATIVES: The Constitution im-Congress from time to time such meas- tellectual and moral prosperity." ures as he shall judge necessary and expedient. I am so deeply impressed with the importance of immediately and thoughtfully meeting the problem of two more. Commissioners and by supplementing the duties now imposed supplementing the duties now imposed to be such powers and functions. the settlement of disputes arising between our laboring men and their em-ployers, that I am constrained to recommend to Congress legislation upon this serious and pressing subject. Under our form of government the value of labor as an element of national prosperity should be distinctly recognized and the welfare of the laboring man should be deemed proper and useru.

Power should also be distinctly conferred upon this bureau to investigate the causes of all disputes as they occur, whether submitted for arbitration or should be regarded as especially entitled to legislative cure. In a country be at hand to aid legislation on the which offers to all its citizens the highest attainment of social and political distinction its workmen cannot justly or safely be considered as irrevocably or safely be considered as irrevocably consigned to the limits of a class and The Hon. J. Pulitzer—Hard Luck of the entitled to no attention and allowed no protest against neglect. The laboring man, bearing in his hand an indispens able contribution to our growth and progress, may well insist, with manly courage and as a right, upon the same recognition from those who make our laws as is accorded to any other citizens having a valuable interest in charge, and his reasonable demand should be

fairness as to induce a contented and patriotic co-operation in the achivement of a grand national destiny. UNSATISFACTORY RELATIONS. n, just at the time when Robin had a winning say I had heard of him a few minutes of rest to talk with his flanced, but no answers came to his peated calls.

"There is a ground north of me," he winning say I had heard of him a few violent manifestations, and while those who under the pretext of an advocacy of the claims of labor, wantonly attack the rights of capital, and for selfish

chosen in the heat of conflicting claims and after each dispute shall arise, there be created a Commission of Labor, consisting of three members, who shall be regular officers of the government, charged among other duties with the consideration and settlement, when possible, of all controversies between

labor and capital. A COMMISSION WITHOUT BIAS. A commission thus organized would have the advantage of being a stable body and its members, as they gained experience, would constantly improve in their ability to deal intelligently and usefully with the questions that might be submitted to them. If arbitra-tors are chosen for temporary service as each case of dispute arises experience and familiarity with much for, Carriage horses look well that is involved in the question will recognition of the value of labor and of its right to be represented in the departments of the government.

keep out of danger, by the very fact of his shying.

We must consider that a horse lead-

relation to disturbances which inter- walking in the dark in a strange place, tween the States, its existence would has blinds on, and is therefore naturalthe power "to regulate commerce with shying, it is with the best intention sician recommends the precaution of foreign nations and among the several States." And in the frequent disputes does it a little too much, and more than between the laboring men and their his driver sees necessary, he should not employers of less extent and the con violence, the interposition of such a ommission might be tendered, upon the application of the Legislature or of intelligence, will keep well away Executive of a State, under the consti tutional provision which requires the General Government to "protect" each of the States "against domestic vio-

WHY THEY WOULD ARBITRATE. If such a commission were fairly organized, the risk of a loss of popular inations. With such people the only course is to advise isolation, and to give the reason for it, and to let them take the responsibility of neglecting the suggestion if they choose to do so. in answer.

"Good evening, Miss N. I learned yesterday through Ned Owens, night man at airfield, that you were a lady operator. Why have you not called me before this and driven away the lack power of the other kind.—N. Y. Journal.

have been unnecessary, and although they sometimes chaff the physician as it for advice and counsel, frequently resulting in the avoidance of contention and misunderstanding. If the usefulness of such a commission is doubted because it might lack power for the annual discussion how to eat it.

to enforce its decisions, much encour agement is derived from the conceded good that has been accomplished by the railroad commissions which have been organized in many of the States, which, having little more advisory power, have exerted a most salutary influence in the settlement of disputes

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between conflicting interests. In July, 1884, by a law of Congress, a Bureau of Labor was established and placed in charge of a Commissioner of Labor, who is required to "collect information upon the subject of labor, its relations to capital, the hours of labor and the earnings of laboring poses on the President the duty of men and women and the means of recommending to the consideration of promoting their material, social, incommission which I suggest could as would permit the Commissioners to act as arbitrators when necessary between labor and capital under such limitations and upon such occasions as

should be deemed proper and useful. not, so that information may always subject when necessary and desirable.

Geover Cleveland.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, April 22, 1886.

Poor Fellow as a Legislator.

From the Atlanta Constitution, Ex Governor Campbell of Missouri, a recent talk about the Hon. J. Pultzer, publisher of the World, said: "I remember when Joe was elected to the Legislature, and also when he only lacked one vote of being expelled a few years come up from the position met in such a spirit of appreciation and of a roustabout on a Mississippi steamboat to a private watchman. Then be became a restaurant waiter, and while occupying that position he formed the acquaintance of Carl Schurtz, who While the real interests of labor are made him a reporter of his Westliche not promoted by a resort to threats and Post. In this way Pulitzer got some

the rights of capital, and for selfish crats reclaimed the State by electing purposes or the love of disorder sow B. Gratz Brown Governor, When seeds of violence and discontent should Pulitzer took his seat he was about as some time the trouble was located at Pine Bluff. Explanation was asked as asked Pine Bluff. Explanation was asked based would like to some up to-morrow and see you? I neither be encouraged nor conciliated, ordinary a looking individual as could all legislation on the subject should be seen anywhere. His nose looked calmly and deliberately undertaken, almost as big as his face. He immedisaid the new operator.

"Certaioly," retorted the Milldale office, and Nellie began to smooth her brown hair and arrange the papers upfar from satisfactory. The discontent of the employed is due, in a large degree, to the grasping and needless exactions of employers and the alleged discrimination in favor of capital as an accountry member over some trifling lashes. She made a hasty toilet and object of governmental attention. It affair and a fight ensued. The fellow sauntered off to the office, wishing that a wreck would delay the early train.

She had just unlocked the door and causeless and unjustifiable disturbance. and causeless and unjustifiable disturbance. mean time got out his revolver, and Though the importance of a better taking careful aim, shot his assailant accord between these interests is ap- through the big toe. The wounded whistled. The engine pulled up slowly to the platform, and Ned Owens
came bounding into the room, kissing
her until her cheeks were aglow with limited by Constitutional restrictions.

There are many grievances which legislation by Congress cannot redress and lation by Congress cannot redress and many conditions which cannot by such popular, had not a friend to defend him. means be reformed. I am satisfied, Over half the counties had been called however, that something may be done and only three more votes were needunder Federal authority to prevent the disturbances which so often arise from itzer had a seat near me, and I noticed disputes between employers and the tears in his eyes. I felt sorry for the employed, and which at times seriously threaten the business interests of
the country; and in my opinion the
proper theory upon which to proceed
is that of voluntary arbitration as the
is that of voluntary arbitration as the means of settling these difficulties. But sideration, and I demanded a recon-I suggest that instead of arbitrators sideration, which was granted. Then I made a speech for the defence, in which I claimed that Politzer had first been assaulted, and being a very young man, to expel him might blight his prospects for life. Well, another vote was taken and Pulitzer was acquitted. He came over to me, and, putting his arms around me, cried like a child. He said be would never forget what I had done for Jim, for if he had been expelled he had made up his mind to commit saicide. Well, ever since the fellow has always opposed

me politically." The Use of Blinds on Horses.

The custom of putting blinds on horses indiscriminately, is a great ershowy head-gear, and handsome blinds be lacking, extreme partisanship and are a great improvement to the style bias will be the qualifications sought and general appearance of real, set-up on either side and frequent complaints carriage horses. But for buggy, car, of unfairness and partiality will be in- cart, stage, wagon, truck, and general evitable. The imposition upon a travel, they are wholly unnecessary, Federal court of a duty foreign to the and as regards safety, they are a detri-judicial function, as the selection of ment rather than an advantage. What an arbitrator in such cases, is at least of doubtful propriety. The establishment by Federal authority of such a bureau would be a just and sensible that shies, proves that he wants to

So far as its conciliatory offices had ing an artificial life, like ourselves, dosen't see what is around him if he ly timid and careful. If a horse is too careful, and takes too wide a circuit in from his instincts. But because he be abused, but spoken to softly and kindly, and thus encouraged, for he means no wrong. The stupid lunk-head will go so close to a hole that one wheel will fall into it, while the horse from it, but not having studied geometry, he does not know the exact length of the axles, and the distance necessary to keep from the danger. Man himself doesn't keep away from danger at all times, though he has the advantage of sense and reason supplied him. - Cor. J. P. Battershy in American Agriculturist for May.

There are scores of persons who are suffering from some form of blood dis-order or skin disease, such as Scrofala, Boils, etc., etc. After a practical test,