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DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD.
BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

STATIONS.	P M	P M	NORTH. A. M.	A. M.
NORTHUMBERLAND	5 40	1 35	10 10	6 15
Cameron	5 55	.....	10 25	6 30
Chulasky	6 00	....	10 29	6 34
Danville	6 08	1 58	10 36	6 40
Catawissa	6 25	2 14	10 53	6 58
Rupert	6 30	2 19	11 00	7 05
Bloomsburg	6 36	2 24	11 07	7 12
Espy	6 42	2 29	11 15	7 20
Lime Ridge	6 50	....	11 22	7 27
Willow Grove	6 54	....	11 26	7 31
Briarcreek	6 58	....	11 30	7 35
Berwick	7 05	2 48	11 37	7 42
Beach Haven	7 11	2 54	11 44	7 49
Hick's Ferry	7 18	2 59	11 48	7 55
Shickshinny	7 30	3 09	11 58	8 06
Hunlock's	7 43	3 19	12 08	8 17
Nanticoke	7 50	3 26	12 16	8 29
Avondale	7 54	.....	12 20	8 38
Plymouth	7 59	3 35	12 25	8 33
Plymouth Junction	8 03	3 39	12 30	8 38
Kingston	8 08	3 43	12 37	8 45
Bennett	8 12	....	12 41	8 49
Maltby	8 17	....	12 45	8 53
Wyoming	8 22	3 52	12 50	8 58
West Pittston	8 27	3 56	12 55	9 03
Pittston	8 33	4 01	1 03	9 09
Lackawanna	8 40	....	1 11	9 17
Taylorville	8 48	....	1 19	9 25
Bellevue	8 54	....	1 25	9 30
SCRANTON	9 00	4 22	1 30	9 35
STATIONS.	P M	P M	P M	A M
			SOUTH.	
SCRANTON	6 10	9 50	2 05	6 20
Bellevue	6 18	9 55	...	6 25
Taylorville	6 20	10 00	2 14	6 30
Lackawanna	6 28	10 08	2 21	6 37
Pittston	6 36	10 16	2 28	6 45
West Pittston	6 42	10 22	2 34	6 10
Wyoming	6 47	10 27	2 39	6 55
Maltby	6 51	10 30	...	6 59
Bennett	6 55	10 34	2 47	7 03
Kingston	6 58	10 38	2 50	7 07
Plymouth Junction	7 06	10 42	2 54	7 12
Plymouth	7 10	10 47	2 59	7 16
Avondale	7 14	10 51	3 03	7 21
Nanticoke	7 19	10 55	3 06	7 25
Hunlock's	7 26	11 02	3 19	7 43
Shickshinny	7 47	11 12	3 29	7 55
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Beach Haven	8 01	11 28	3 45	8 13
Berwick	8 07	11 37	3 51	8 20
Briarcreek	8 13	.....	3 57	8 27
Willow Grove	8 16	11 48	4 01	8 31
Lime Ridge	8 20	11 52	4 05	8 35
Espy	8 26	11 59	4 12	8 41
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NORTHUMBERLAND	9 22	12 55	5 15	9 45
	A M	P M	P M	P M

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TIME TABLE.
In effect May 29, 1887. Trains leave Sunbury:
EASTWARD.

9.40 a. m., Sea Shore Express (daily except Sunday), for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 3.15 p. m.; New York, 6.30 p. m.; Baltimore, 3.10 p. m.; Washington, 5.50 p. m., connecting at Philadelphia for all Sea Shore points. Through passenger coach to Philadelphia.

1.43 p. m.—Day express daily except Sunday), for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6.50 p. m.; New York, 9.35 p. m.; Baltimore 4.45 p. m.; Washington, 7.45 p. m. Parlor car through to Philadelphia and passenger coaches through to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

7.45 p. m.—Renovo Accommodation (daily for Harrisburg and all intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4.25 a. m.; New York 7.10 a. m. Baltimore, 4.35 a. m.; Washington 6.05 a. m.; Sleeping car accommodations can be secured at Harrisburg for Philadelphia and New York. On Sundays a through sleeping car will be run on this train from Williamsp'to Philadelphia. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7 a. m.

2.50 a. m.—Erie Mail (daily except Monday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 8.35 a. m. New York, 11.30 a. m.; Baltimore 6.15 a. m.; Washington, 9.30 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars are run on this train to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and through passenger coaches to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

WESTWARD.

5.10 a. m.—Erie Mail (daily except Sunday), for Erie and all intermediate stations and Canandaigua and intermediate stations, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls, with through Pullman Palace cars and passenger coaches to Erie and Rochester.

9.55—News Express (daily except Sunday) for Lock Haven and intermediate stations.

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

5.20 p. m. Fast Line (daily except Sunday) for Renovo and intermediate stations, and Elmira, Watkins and intermediate stations, with through passenger coaches to Renovo and Watkins.

9.30 a. m.—Sunday mail for Renovo and intermediate station.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR SUNBURY FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Sunday mail leaves Philadelphia 4.30 a. m Harrisburg 7.40 arriving at Sunbury 9.20 a. m. with through sleeping car from Philadelphia to Williamsport.

News Express leaves Philadelphia 4.30 a. m. Harrisburg, 8.10 a. m. daily except Sunday arriving at Sunbury 9.55 a. m.

Niagara Express leaves Philadelphia, 7.40 a. m.; Baltimore 7.30 a. m. (daily except Sunday arriving at Sunbury, 12.52 p. m., with through Parlor car from Philadelphia and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Fast Line leaves New York 9.00 a. m.; Philadelphia, 11.50 a. m.; Washington, 9.50 a. m.; Baltimore, 10.45 a. m., (daily except Sunday) arriving at Sunbury, 5.20 p. m., with through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Erie Mail leaves New York 8.00 p. m.; Philadelphia, 11.25 p. m.; Washington, 10.00 p. m.; Baltimore, 11.20 p. m., (daily except Saturday) arriving at Sunbury 5.10 a. m., with through Pullman sleeping cars from Philadelphia, Washington and Baldmore and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia.

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Express East leaves Sunbury 5.35 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 6.26 p. m., Wilkes-barre 7.55 p. m

Sunbury Mail leaves Wilkesbarre 10.25 a. m. arriving at Bloom Ferry 11.54 a. m., Sunbury 12.45 p. m

Express West leaves Wilkes-barre 4.50 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 6.19 p. m., Sunbury 5.10p.m

Catawissa accom. leaves Nescopeck 8.05 p m. arriving at Bloom Ferry 8.30 p m; Sunbury, 8.25 p m.

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"Depend upon it, old fellow, she's married you for your money," said Fitz-Brown. "It doesn't stand to reason that a girl of eighteen should tie herself to a fat old heathen of fifty-four unless there is some such motive lurking underneath."

"Fitz-Brown," I broke in irritably, "you're a fool!"

"I may be a fool," answered that gentleman calmly, "but a single fool is not so bad as a married fool, in any point of view you choose to take."

There was no use in arguing with Fitz-Brown. He was a stubborn, opinionated old fellow, at best, and he was determined not to like Lucilla from the very first.

How he did exult when he came down to my office and told me that Harry Sykes was spending the evening with Lucilla—that same reckless young good-for-naught who had been wont to hang around her before we were married. And Lucilla had told me she was going to take tea with her mother.

Nevertheless I put on a bold face.

"Well, let him spend the evening," said I. "Where's the harm?"

"Yes, but—but the curtains were not drawn, and—and it isn't necessary for him to sit on the same sofa, with his arm around her waist."

I went straight home, but Mr. Sykes had departed, and Lucilla was darning my stockings by the fire.

"Lucilla," said I sternly, "I must forbid any more of Harry Sykes's visits here."

"Yes, Josiah," said my wife; "Harry is rather tiresome."

"And you will please receive no more young gentleman visitors in my absence."

"No, Josiah."

"The fact is, Lucilla, I am afraid you read too many novels."

"Perhaps I do," said my wife meekly.

"I will bring up a set of 'Rollins' Ancient History' to-morrow and some sermons for you to read. All lighter literature must be banished at once."

"Certainly, Josiah."

Lucilla was preternaturally affectionate the next two or three days. She hung round me in the most bewitching manner, sewed my shirt-buttons on, ran for my slippers, and would insist on toasting the bread herself, until her pretty face was the color of a scarlet tomato, "because cook is so careless, and dear Josiah likes his toast browned just so."

"What shall I order for dinner, dear? The butcher's man is here. Steaks or a roasting piece?"

"I don't care," I answered mechanically. "Suit yourself."

"But you know your wishes are my pleasure, love."

"Steaks, then."

"And about the pudding, sweet? Shall I tell cook to make a real old English plum, or would you prefer baked suet?"

Really it was very nice to hear one's wishes consulted in this sort of

Lucilla tied the muffler around my neck.

manner. And when I departed for the office, Lucilla herself stood on tiptoe to tie the worsted round my neck.

"For if you should take cold, dearest, and anything should happen, it would break your dear little wife's heart."

Under these harmonious circumstances that sudden voyage to India came like a thunderbolt across the serene horizon of our matrimonial life.

"How shall I live without you six months, my dearest?" sobbed Lucilla, her lovely beryl eyes swimming in tears.

But we cannot always control necessity, and, after a mournful farewell, in which my wife fairly succumbed and went into hysterics, I departed on necessary business for the firm of Miner and Mortlake, I myself being the aforesaid Mortlake.

How it happened that my name was erroneously lugged into the details of that massacre in which the barbarous coolies murdered so many of the foreign population, when I was actually ten miles further up the country, I never knew, and then my long fever, during which I found it impossible to write or obtain an amanuensis, served to complicate matters. When I recovered, I resolved to proceed immediately back to my native land.

"I'll not write," I mentally decided. "I'll surprise Lucilla, bless her dear little heart! How delighted she will be!"

So I took passage in the first English steamer that sailed.

Half-way across, we hailed an English craft, outward bound, and there was an exchange of newspapers and other civilities.

As I unfolded a London paper, scarce more than six weeks old, I saw, under the obituary notices, my own name.

So I was supposed to be dead.

It is a sudden shock to read of your own death, and calculate how long you have been under ground, and not by any means an agreeable one.

"I don't think I'm dead," said I stretching out my arms and legs, giving myself a pinch, and feeling the strong pulses that projected healthy currents through my veins, "and yet this evidence is certainly very convincing—that I was murdered by barbarous natives on the night of the 25th of May. Poor, dear little Lucilla! how inconsolable she must be!"

So it happened, you see, that I was going home to comfort my widow.

It was late in the afternoon when we entered port, and the shadows of the autumn evening were gathering round as I crept up the doorsteps of my mansion, and entered, stealthily as a robber.

Were the shutters down, the windows draped, the house dressed in seemly habiliments of woe? Not at all; lights glowed brilliantly behind the curtains, gay voices echoed from the parlor, and—could my ears have deceived me? No, surely that was Lucilla's laugh ringing merrily on the air.

"A little hysterical, perhaps," I thought, but nevertheless, instead of boldly entering the drawing-room and confronting my wife, I instinctively passed on to the glazed extension room behind, communicating, by draperies of silk, with the larger apartment—a room where I had been wont to keep my books and which I dignified by the title of "library."

It was but faintly lighted by the borrowed lustre of the drawing-room chandelier, and as I entered I stumbled over something—it was my own portrait, ignominiously turned with its face to the wall.

I crept forward with an ominous foreboding—a sudden disagreeable recollection of Fitz-Brown's croaking predictions. But as I put aside the Tyrian folds of the curtain a most unwelcome vision met my eye.

Lucilla in her widow's weeds.

But she was not alone. Close beside her on the sofa, actually playing with her soft little white hand, and

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bending devotedly over the border of the widow's cap sat Harry Sykes!

"Come, Lucilla," he said impatiently, "you have tantalized me long enough. When will you give me this little treasure of a hand and let me call you mine?"

"What nonsense, Harry!" said my widow coquettishly, but she didn't withdraw her hand, "when you know my husband hasn't been dead six months!"

"Oh, hang the old buffer! Who cares whether he has been dead six days of six months? He's gone, thanks to the coolies, and he's willed you all the cash. You know very well you never cared for him, Lucilla."

My widow did not contradict this sweeping statement.

"But the look of the thing, you know, dear Harry. Don't squeeze my hand so."

"Lucilla, don't you love me?"

"Of course I do," with a charming little pout.

"Then, my heart's queen, what is the use of keeping me in suspense?"

"Really, Harry," she murmured, "I don't know what to say."

"Then say yes."

Lucilla's head drooped until the widow's cap nearly touched her companion's shoulder.

"Yes," she murmured at last.

Human nature could stand this no longer. I dashed aside the purple silk draperies, and entered precipitately on the scene—quite an unexpected addition to the *dramatis personæ*.

"Not so fast, madam, if you please!" I cried with a sort of demoniac exultation. "I may be an 'old buffer,' and you may 'never have cared' for me, but nevertheless you and Mr. Sykes here are getting along altogether too smoothly."

Lucilla sprang to her feet with an eldritch scream.

"It's a ghost! it's Josiah's ghost!"

"No, madam, it's not Josiah's ghost—it's his living self. You thought you had got rid of me, did you? An awkward mistake to make, under

"Not so fast, madam, if you please!"

the circumstances. Walk out of this house, sir, and never let me see your countenance again!"

Mr. Sykes obeyed, sheepishly enough.

"As for you, madam," I said sternly, turning to my sobbing wife—no longer widow—"you may go home to your mother. I want no more of your treacherous wiles. Fitz-Brown was right!"

Vehemently ringing the bell I ordered a carriage and packed the bewildered woman off before she could remonstrate.

That was the end of my matrimonial experience, for Lucilla has never ventured to return to the shadow of my roof.

Fitz-Brown and I are keeping house together, after an orthodox bachelor fashion. I think Fitz is sincerely sorry for me; but he has never yet insulted me with the truism:

"I told you so."

IN YELLOW SILK.

"I don't like the looks of him!" said the Widow Clegg.

"You don't say so!" said Aunt Hannah, smoothing down her gingham apron in a disturbed way.

They sat in the plainly-furnished, little sitting-room, this soft spring afternoon, looking out through the open window on to the front porch, with its climbing vines and its yellow-painted floor.

It was a charming picture which the window framed: A pretty young girl, in a perfectly-fitting and wonderfully-becoming blue cambric, with her blonde

"I'm glad you like it," she said demurely.

hair piled high, and falling in fluffy thickness to her eyes; and at her side, pointing towards the easel before him, brush and palette in hand, a much-bedaubed rag and a profusion of small tin color-tubes on the floor beside him, a pleasant-faced young man, with dark eyes and brown curly hair.

"It ain't that he ain't good-looking enough," Mrs. Clegg continued, "he's too good-looking and too fine-appearing—that's where 'tis.

"Oh, well," said Aunt Hannah soothingly, "I dunno!"

"I shouldn't feel so," said Mrs. Clegg. "If Janie warn't—well, eat up with him. He can't want nothing of her, Hannah."

"Well, I dunno," said Aunt Hannah, looking from the