

THE COLUMBIAN AND DEMOCRAT. BLOOMSBURG, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA.

Miscellaneous.

A carpenter is an unresorable fellow. He objects to plain board, and yet he don't like a board until it has been planed.

There is a native light in every man, discovering to him the first lines of duty in his common notions of good and evil.

The only drawback to the absolute perfection of a boy's first watch is that it doesn't need winding up every fifteen minutes.

The latest monopoly is the "Slate Penit Trust." Pretty soon our Trust in God will be incorporated and held at fancy prices.

"How are collections to-day?" asked a man of a big collector. "Slow, very slow; can't even collect my thoughts, was the reply.

A Putman county youth was recently married to a girl who refused him eighteen times. He now wishes he hadn't asked but seventeen times.

A contemplative life has more of the appearance of a life of piety than any other; but it is the divine plan to bring faith into activity and exercise.

A South Carolina paper tells of a farmer in that state who has been at the plow sixty-eight years. It is time to call the old man to dinner.

I have heard of men who knew more than they could tell, but I never met one. If a man has a genuine idea, he can make himself understood.

Charles Dickens Jr., asserts that to him Niagara Falls is a place of abject terror. How would he feel in the neighborhood of John L. Sullivan?

Caller (to little Bobby): "Bobby, what makes your eyes so bright?" Bobby (after a little thought): "I des't t'is I hain't had 'em very long."

Judge—What sort of man was it whom you saw commit the assault? Constable—Shore, yes, honor, he was a small, insignificant crathtub—about your own size, yer honor.

"Now how must I do with this wed ding cake to dream on it?" asked a gushing damsel of a matter-of-fact young man. "Just eat it; that's all," was the reply.

Dr. Lyman Beecher once replied to an inquiry of Dr. Hawes: "How are you getting on?" "First-rate; first-rate" ever since I stopped trying to run this world."

"In literature there seems to be a man constantly catching our ideas, said a writer. "Yes," some one rejoined, "and the trouble is that he catches them before you do."

German Professor (to young American): "You don't speak German by me; when you speak English I know your measles very well."

"Mabel, I have something to say that will astonish you." "What is it, Harry?" "I'm going away." "O, Harry! You are always getting up some nice surprises for me."

The coldest winds are those that herald spring, the darkest hour is that before the dawn, the greatest crooks are those that never swing, the finest watch is that we have in pawn.

"I never think of autumn without feeling a sigh," he said as he passed the Grand Circus Park. Nor I, either, answered the other. "State and county taxes come due in the fall!"

An Englishman came to New York and put up a sign, "Established 1804," and rather prided himself on the antiquity of his establishment. The next day his Yankee rival across the way burloughed his sign in this way: "Established yesterday. No old goods on hand."

Taken to the Insane Asylum.

Conductor Edward J. Leedom, of Reading, who recently became insane on his train, was brought to the Harrisburg asylum last week. It is believed that Mr. Leedom's troubles originated from excessive smoking, and that with proper care he will soon be restored to health.

At one time it was thought his lungs were affected, but a critical examination proved that such is not the case. He was then put under treatment, advised to stop smoking, and recovered. Finally he became the old habit, smoking as high as twenty cigars a day, and his present condition is attributed to nicotine poison. He was accompanied by G. B. Beaver and Officer Joseph Kaucher. At the depot in Reading he appeared cheerful, because a telegram was shown him supposed to be from a friend in this city. Messrs. Beaver and Kaucher said they had business in Harrisburg, also, and that they'd go along. When the train arrived in this city a cab was waiting, and Mr. Leedom was induced to get in, and then driven to the asylum. Conductor Leedom has very many friends in this city and Reading who wish him a speedy recovery. Many say that cigar smoking is not the cause, but that his brain is slightly affected.

The Lonely Man.

There are 1,400,000,000 people living on the planet which we inhabit. And yet there is now and then a man who wonders what the rest of us will do when he dies. There are other people in "society" who honestly think that all the world closes its eyes when they lie down to sleep. There are men who fear to act according to their own convictions, because perhaps ten persons in a crowd of 1,400,000,000 will laugh at them. Why, if a man could only realize every moment what a bustling, busy, fussy, important little atom he is in all this great and full of important, fussy little atoms, every day he would regard himself less, and think still less of the other molecules in the corral. —Burdette.

A Distinguished Clergyman's Testimony.

Rev. R. M. Tuckers, President of the Methodist Protestant Church of South Carolina, from Greenville:

"About two weeks ago I was attacked with what the physicians pronounced rheumatism, accompanied with erysipelas. My appetite failed entirely, and I had an intermitting pulse and very irregular pulsations of the heart. A terrible pain in the joints of the hands and shoulders and I became so helpless that I could attend to no business at all. The pains were movable and would sometimes pass from one part of my body to another. Finally the disease broke out on my left hand and arm, and produced much swelling. I was for eight months afflicted in this way, and of course used a great many remedies, but nothing whatever gave me relief. Friends finally persuaded me to try Swift's Specific. I noticed a decided improvement while taking the first bottle. I continued its use until I had taken about three bottles, and then the disease was gone, and was again, with no sign of disease left except a stiffness in my hand, a result of the erysipelas. While taking the medicine I gained on an average two pounds of flesh per week. I am S.S.'s a valuable physician, and I sincerely recommend it to my friends."

Write to the SWIFT'S Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga., for a treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases, mailed free to anyone.

Luck of a Striking Miner.

\$1,600,000 LEFT TO A FAMILY THAT BREAKFASTED ON BREAD AND WATER.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 8.—James Bailey, of this city, has fallen heir to \$1,600,000, left to him by the death of his uncle, William Constein Munson, of Newport, England. Bailey has a wife and seven children for to take care of. The past few months he has missed many a meal to appease the hunger of the little ones. He went on strike with the rest of the Philadelphia and Reading miners in January, and, through a misunderstanding, did not secure his place when the strike was declared off. Failing to obtain work at the coleries he was compelled to seek aid from the poor district. Yesterday morning he received a letter from an attorney in England informing him of his lucky windfall. Bailey, residing in Newport twenty years ago and was the deceased uncle's private secretary. Falling in love with a comely wifey he was married to her despite his uncle's earnest protest at threats of disinheritance. After the marriage he and the bride made adieu to England and sailed for the United States. Arriving in this country and failing to secure work in the cities, Bailey came to the coal regions, where he has since resided. With Bailey is his uncle's legacy, a sum of \$1,600. Failing to find a home for breakfast, the miners were to meet at the bridge-groom's house, being joined on the way by invited guests the virgins in the parable who had been waiting for the bridegroom. The bridegroom, however, had not reached the entrance that would come later. Lamps were absolutely needed by each one in the dark streets of an Asiatic city. In order to keep the authorities require everyone to carry a lamp.

The Chinese Earthquake.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND PEOPLE KILLED AND IMMENSE LOSS OF PROPERTY.

An Oriental mail brings some particulars of the earthquake in China just before Christmas, which has been cabled in skeleton. It proves to have been of appalling magnitude. Fifteen thousand people perished in the course of four days, during which at uncertain intervals shocks continued. This estimate is to some extent supposition because it is scarcely possible, after so tremendous a visitation, to ascertain for awhile the exact loss of life.

V. 2. The numbers make nothing to the case, only the division is essential. The church at Christ's coming, as now, will consist of the world, and real Christians. The wise and foolish are undistinguishable until the crisis comes.

V. 3. In the case of the foolish virgins taking of the lamps, nothing but the foolishness of the virgins is taken of in their waste. There are some anxious about the profession and forms of religion. Better be concerned about having grace in the heart.

V. 4. Allusion is made to a longer delay of the Lord's coming, than that between the word "stumbered" signifies drowning, the word "wise" describes the full unfeignedness of sleep. Two stages of spiritual declension are possible to indicate. But there appears no censure for their sleeping; it was not interpreted as unwatchfulness; it was not interpreted as unwatchfulness; it was not interpreted as unwatchfulness.

V. 5. A. Allusions to when that which was once lost could be made right, a herald or a parson who comes back to the bridegroom. While the bridegroom tarries they both wise and foolish virgins sleep.

V. 6. The virgin symbolism is the whole Church of Christ, the lamp would seem to represent the outward profession of Christianity and the grace in the soul.

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V. 9. Character and grace are most transmuted. That and when the oil is given around and was clogging the wick. Self examination and renewal of grace seems to be set forth.

V. 10. We cannot prepare for the crisis at this moment. It took the virgin longer at this unmeasurable hour to buy oil than at any other time. There is a special time when a virgin may be tested alone.

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