### THE COMING MAN.

A pair of very chubby legs, Encased in scariet hose: A pair of little clubby boots, With rather doubtful toes; A little kilt, a little coat, Cut as a mother can-

And low before us stands in state The future's coming man

His eyes, perchance, will read the stars, And search their unkown ways; Perchance the human heart and soul Will open to their gaze; Perchance their keen and flashing glance

Will be a nation's light-Those eyes that now are wistful bent On some big fellow's kite.

Those hands-those little busy hands-So sticky, small and brown: Those hands whose only mission seems To pull all order down-Who knows what hidden strength may be Hidden within their clasp, Though now 'tis but a taffy stick In sturdy hold they grasp.

Ab, blessings on those little hands, liose work is yet undone And blessings on those little fest Whose race is yet unrun! And blessings on the little brain That has not learned to plan! Whate'er the future holds in store,

God bless the coming mani -Selected.

# TIM'S SUNDAY DINNER.

"Ain't them beauties, now?" Old Duncan Brown held up a pair of bronze shoes in his rough, toil-stained hand, and gazed at them admiringly.

The only other occupant of the dingy shoe shop, a sickly looking boy of 15, glanced up from his work.

"Who be they for, Mr. Brown ?" he asked. "There ain't many folks around here as wears shoes like them."

Them be for the squire's darter up on the hill. They're for a birthday present, and was to be done Saturday night prompt. Well, there they be now, and up they go onto the shelf till sent for." As he spoke he wrapped the dainty little shoes in fine paper, packed them in a neat box and set them on a shelf.

"She'll feel fine in them," said the boy. "The squire he always must hev the hest of everything for Nellie. 'Bout the size of Sissy, she be. Them shoes'd look nice on Siss. She's a purty girl."

The boy nodded in response to this chow of parental pride.

"They'd pay a lot fer such a pair down to the store at the crossin', wouldn't they?" he asked, still thinking of the bronze shoes.

"They don't have that kind there, all hand-sewed and little gilt buttons. Wish I could sell 'em to 'em, and have the money. Mother and me'd have a good dinner one day in the year. "

The boy was only an apprentice. He lived in a tumble-down cottage at the end of the village with his widowed mother.

Duncan Brown had made shoes for the village folk for many a day. The new shoe store at the crossing had somewhat lessened his patronage, but he scorned to consider it as a rival.

"There be plenty as will stand by the old man till he quits work," he used to

Duncan had married late in life, and was old enough to be the grandfather of the blue-eyed, golden-haired fairy who called him papa, and had brightened his home for eight years.

"Dinner is most ready, papa ; come and get ready. Come, Tim. She came dancing into the room like a

ray of sunlight.

Old Dancan Brown caught her in his arms and tossed her until she shrieked with laughter.

"Does Sissy want to see something purty?" He took down the box from the shelf

and let her open it

"Not since they were finished. What is the matter? What makes you look 50 7"

Instead of answering her question, Duncan asked another. "Did Tim come back arter he left this

noon? "I don't know. He might have come

while I was asleep. What is it, Duncan?" "Mary, I wouldn't hev believed it of him. He saw me put them shoes up on the shelf, and they bean't there now. He said as how he'd like to sell 'em and have the money. Git my coat, Mary, I'm going out."

"Why, Duncan, what are you saying? Did you look well? Would you accuse the boy of stealing because they are not in that spot. '

"They be gone, Mary; I know it here." He laid his hand over his heart. "Ken ye wait a minute?" he said to the boy, "No, ye go tell the squire-"

A step outside, and a knock interrupted him! He went to the door and flung it wide open.

"Good evenin', Mr. Murray."

"Evenin', Brown. Come to tell you there'd been a mistake somewhere. Your Sissy gave my girl the wrong pair of shoes. Didn't discover it till this even-ing. Wish I could afford her such a pair. but I can't."

When the squire's messenger had carried off the little bronze shoes, and Mr. Murray had walked away with a pair of substantial black ones, Duncan turned to his wife, his hand upon his heart again.

"Mary, " he said, "I know here that I've been a fool. Jest get my coat. I'm goin' out and buy the biggest turkey in town for that boy.

And that is how Tim and his mother came to have a turkey dinner on a day that was neither Thanksgiving nor Christmas nor even Fourth of July.

#### Operating on a Tiger.

Doctor Haughton, the curator of the Dublin Zoological Society, discovered that one of the tigers was lame. Upon examining its paw through the bars of the cage he found that a claw was growing inwards into the ball of the foot. causing the poor brute great agony whenover he tried to walk. The doctor determined to cut out the claw.

Five keepers assisted him, three in front of the cage and two behind. The tiger was lassoed, and, much against his will, tied down, the five keepers holding him firmly with a rope. The doctor then raised the bars, entered the cage and began operating. But he had forgotten to guard himself against the tigress in the cage adjoining. She contrived to reach him with one paw and knocked off his hat. The keepers, seeing this, took fright and fled, leaving the doctor at the mercy of his patient. The tiger jumped up and prepared to spring, but the doctor sprang through the raised bars and pulled them down. Against them the tiger dashed, gnashing and foaming with great fury.

The doctor called the keepers together then he locked all the doors, put the keys in his pocket, and said :

"I intend to perform this operation whatever happens. You will fix the lasso again, but if you let go the rope this time I can escape and you'll be left with the tiger."

The men behaved bravely ; the troublewas worn as a scarfpin by the doctor.

From that time, whenever the tiger heard its friend's footstep it would throw itself on its back, purr, roll about to attract attention, and never be satisfied till he recognized it.

### One Thousand Mile Tickets.

THOSE ISSUED BY THE READING, LEHIGH VALLEY AND JERSEY CENTRAL.

That the assimilation of the Reading Railroad's recently acquired hnes is steadily progressing is evidenced by the latest circular issued by General Passenger Agent Hancock. It gives notice that from April 1st the 1000 mile ticket issued by the Reading Railroad Company will be accepted on all portions of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, except between Bound Brook and Newark. They will also be good on the New Jersey Central lines west of Bound Brook, and also on the New Jersey Southern Division, except between New York and Atlantic Highlands via steamer and between Perth Amboy and Point Pleasant.

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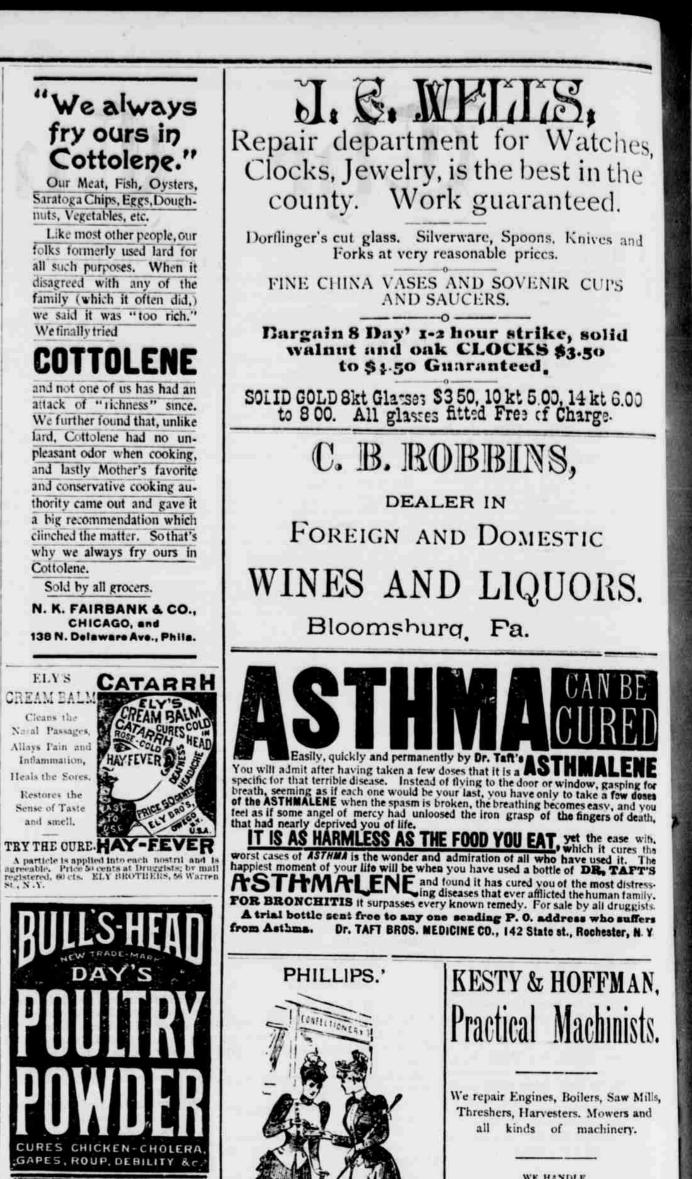
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"He looks uneasily at his flanks: wont lie down and straddles when standing or walking.' "Inflammation of the kidneos. Give him the usual d se of Bull's-Head Horse and Cattle Powder."

## Latest Spr ng Etyles for Ladies.

"Costly thy hal it as thy purse can buy: rich, not gaudy." So advises Shakspeare, and his words still furnish the best possible rule in matters of dress "Well-dressed women" select such styles as combine neatness with rich ness, and are at the same time in ac cordance with the prevailing fashion. The styles adopted in the Parisian Fashion Journals, published by A McDowell & Co., 4 West 14 Street, TRY THE OURE HAY-FEVER New York, are always neat, rich and correct. It is because of this fact that these publications have become so popular that they continue to make snch tapid headway in the favor of American women. "La Mcde de Paris" contains the latest and best French styles "Album des Modes" gives the styles which are most popular in Paris. Each is 35 cts. per copy, or \$3.50 per year. Yearly subsand reproved them for their cowardice; cribers to either of these journals are entitled to a Premium Book on "Dressmaking Simplified," valued at \$5.00, which book is not sold, but is GIVEN AWAY as here indicated. "La Mode" is sold for 15 cents a copy, or \$1.50 per annum Do not allow your newsdealer to substitute any other come claw was successfully removed, and journals for these. If necessary you can be supplied with them direct from the house in New York.

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"O-o-h! for me, papa?"

"No, pet, them's fer a little girl jest about your size, Nellie Barclay. You'll have some like 'em some day.' Sissy gave a happy laugh.

"Next Christmas, papa? Let's go to

dinner, it's getting all cold." Dinner over, Mr. Brown got out overcoat, muffler, and mittens.

"I be going down to the crossin', Mary, and won't be back till supper. You kin go right home, Tim, and tell your mother you've been such a good boy I thought you needed a half holiday. Sure ye be here bright and early Monday morning."

When Duncan and Tim had both gone, Mrs. Brown lay down in her darkened room to sleep off a troublesome headache.

The afternoon was a little dull for Sissy with no one but the cat to talk to. She was glad when about four o'clock a little playmate called on her.

"Nellie Murray, come right in. I'm all alone. Did you bring your doll?"

"I can't stay but a minute, Sissy. Mamma sent me to get my shoes. Mr. Brown said they would be done to day."

"Yes, they are," said Sissy. "I'll get them for you. Papa showed them to me, and he said they were for Nellie somebody; of course that's you. They're so cunning, Nellie, all brown with little gilt buttons.

Nellie's brown eyes sparkled. Her clothes were always of the plainest, and her shoes stout leather, made to wear, for her father had hard work to feed and clothe his six children.

With the aid of a chair, the box Mr. Brown had packed so carefully was dragged from the shelf, and Nellie's plump little arms closed about it.

"Oh, Sissy, they're for a surprise. Mamma didu't tell me but what they were old black ones. I never had any other kind. I musn't open them. I'd get so interested I couldn't put them up again," and laughing merrily the little maid kissed her friend goodby and ran quickly home.

Sissy was sound asleep in her bed when Mr. Brown came home in the evening.

He was seated at the table, about to attack his smoking supper, when a sharp rap came at the door.

Squire Barclay's boy for a pair of shoes that were to be ready this evening." came a voice out of the darkness.

"They be all ready. Come in, sonny, and take a seat while I go get 'em for ye," said Duncan, cordially, as he went hastily out into his shop. He was gone several moments, and

came back at last empty-handed.

"Mary," he said slowly, "hev ye seen them shoes?"

## Circus Children.

The scenes in the dressing room of a circus are both novel and picturesque. The huge tent is divided, first into two main apartments. One is the green room, as it were, where the ring horses are kept ready for the riders.

Here the properties are handed out, and the matron of the wardrobe spreads out the glittering covers for the horses and other paraphernalia that help so largely to make the circus performance a spectacle of dazzling beauty.

The other portion of this same tent is divided up by strips of cauvas stretched from one of the main poles to the side walls, forming a series of V-shaped rooms, one of which is devoted to the men, another to the women, and a third to the Lallet girls.

A little post in the center of each, with a looking glass not larger than one's hand, serves as a common dressing table, where the paint and powder and other finishing touches of the "make up" are applied.

The clothes are thrown carelessly upon the tops of trunks, which stand in long rows against the canvas walls, or are pinned directly to the canvas itself.

The child is dressed for the ring. It comes to the edge of the canvas wall, pokes its little head through, kisses its mother goodbye and away it goes into the ring upon a galloping horse or around the hippodrome track at a breakneck speed upon one of the ponies.

If it comes back safely it is kissed again, then patted on the head and trundled off to the car by some affectionate companion, and put into its little bed with just as much solicitude as the fondest mother in the land might give to her dimpled darling, though it were cradled in silk and lace.

### ALL SORTS.

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### That Baly of Mine,

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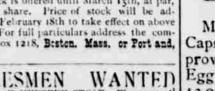
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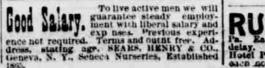
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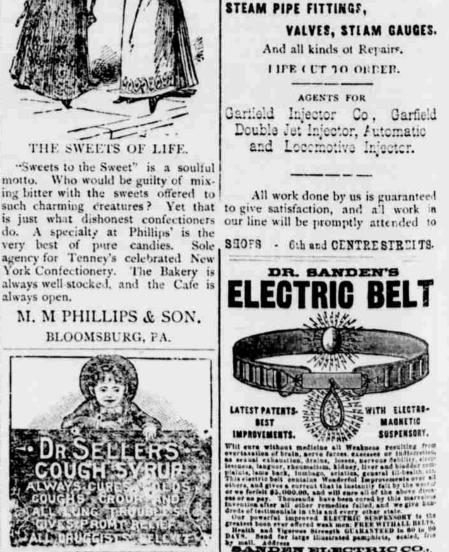


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