

A LOVE SONG.
O'er the meadow flower-pled,
Lightly, fleetly breezes spring;

CAGED WITH A WILD MAN.

"Remember that time, Major?" said the railroad man.
"You bet I do," rejoined the Major.
"Go ahead and tell it," said the others.

"Stranger, this haint no time t' arger! Open th' door!"
I put my hand on the door and prepared to slide my body along with it.

FONDLING A TARANTULA.

It is Best to be Sure That the Tarantula Knows You.
"The tarantula pine in confinement," remarked an amateur spider collector,

Orphans' Court Sale.
By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, the undersigned will expose to public sale on the premises in Pine township, Columbia County, Penna., on SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1896,

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

H. BIERMAN, M. D.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Susan Rambaeh, late of Bloomsburg, Pa.
Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Susan Rambaeh, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

A. L. FRITZ,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Post Office Building, 2nd floor, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of David Vanhorn, deceased.
The undersigned auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to pass upon exceptions and make distribution of the balance in the hands of C. S. Santer, executor, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, on Friday, June 26th, 1896, at ten o'clock a. m. to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all persons interested must appear and prove their claims, or be barred from any share in said fund.

S. B. ARMENT, M. D.
Office and Residence No. 18, West Fifth St.
DISEASES OF THE THROAT AND NOSE SPECIALTY
OFFICE HOURS: 10 to 12 A. M., BLOOMSBURG, PA. 1 to 2 P. M., 7 to 9 P. M.

DR. ANDREW GRAYDON,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.
Office and residence in Prof. Waller's Home.
* MARKET STREET *
TELEPHONE.
HONORA A. ROBBINS, M. D.,
Office, West First Street, BLOOMSBURG, PA.
Special attention given to the eye and the fitting of glasses.

The Major lifted his glass and carefully scrutinized the bright liquid.
"Tom's line, you see, was just being put through the interior of the State at that time, and one day he asked me to go out with him to some little town which he was going to open with an auction sale of lots and free beer and sandwiches for the people, and all that, you know. Well, I went along, and there was a big freight car loaded down with kegs and provisions. Everybody was having a great time. Tom got ill during the sale, so he went into a little shanty to lie down, while I went over to the freight car to get some ice to put on his head. I was in the car, scotching around after ice, when all of a sudden some one slammed the door to and made the inside of the car as dark as pitch. Then somebody in the darkness began to swear like a pirate, and I heard him swing his revolver loose. I began to see the game then. It seems that there was a fellow around there that a good many people wanted to kill, and they said they were going to kill him that day at the sale, too. Somebody had pointed him out to me during the morning, and I had heard him brag, so I recognized this voice in the darkness. I think he decided that they had slammed the door on him so that when he opened it to come out they could get a good fair chance to make a slave of him. The way that man swore was positively frightful.

Mateless Pigeons.

"Pigeons are monogamous," said a raiser of those birds for market to a New York Sun writer, "and the female lays but two eggs. One of these is always the egg from which a male is hatched, and the other encloses the future female. If by any accident a cock pigeon loses its mate, or a hen pigeon becomes widowed, the sympathies of the entire cote go out to the afflicted brother or sister. If it should so happen that a cock should lose his mate and a hen hers, so that they are both mateless at the same time, the afflicted pair soon forget their griefs in a new life partnership, and all is serene. "But if there is a widower in the cote, and no convenient widow for him to take to mate, or if there is a widow for whom no widower pigeon is on hand, something must be done to fill the vacancy. Upon the first hen pigeon to nest after the vacancy occurs falls the important duty. If she hasn't hatched her eggs yet, she promptly dumps one of the two out of the nest. She never makes a mistake in evicting the right one. If a widow is to be provided for, the hen throws out the egg containing her future daughter. If a widower is pining for a mate, she disposes of the son egg. If she has hatched her eggs when a demand is made for her sacrifice, she ceases feeding the youngster who will be superfluous, and starves it to death. Pigeons grow fast, and squabhood over, the lone product of that nest becomes mate to the bereaved member of the flock."

Bismarck's Tact.

An anecdote is related of Bismarck's early diplomatic career that shows a pleasant degree of magnanimity on the part of the future Chancellor of the German Empire. Count Rechberg called on his Prussian colleague—Bismarck—to show him a dispatch from his Government, instructing the Count to vote with Prussia at the next meeting of the Diet. Bismarck read the document, and returned it to the Count, saying: "This is evidently a mistake." Rechberg in his turn looked at the sheet and changed color. Instead of the official letter he had, by mistake, handed to Bismarck the secret instructions he had received concurrently, calling upon him, while openly countenancing Prussia, to use his utmost endeavors to cause the other German States to vote against the measure. For a moment both statesmen looked at each other in silence. Then Bismarck said: "Don't be upset. You never intended giving me the letter. Ergo, you never gave it me; ergo, I know nothing about the whole matter."—Youth's Companion.

A Long Bridge.

There is a scheme of uniting Ceylon with India by a railway across Falk's Straits. It will necessitate a bridge of proportions hitherto undreamt of since it will have to be forty-one miles in length. The engineering difficulties are not so formidable as would at first sight appear, for, although the map shows a formidable breadth of sea between the mainland and Ceylon, the railway can be made to traverse it on a series of stepping-stones formed by the rocks and shoals known as Adam's Bridge.

Wanted Peace and Quiet.

"You didn't take that middle flat which you liked so well?"
"No."
"Rent too high?"
"Oh, no—I found that the woman upstairs kept some Angora cats and that the man in the lower flat was raising nags!"—Chicago Record.

The Strange Story of a Ring.

It is stated on what appears to be good authority that in one of the parks in the Spanish capital city of Madrid a magnificent ring hangs by a silken cord about the neck of the statue of the Maid of Almodna, the patron saint of Madrid. This ring, though set with diamonds and pearls, is nevertheless entirely unguarded. The police pay no attention to it, nor is there any thief, however daring, would venture to appropriate it to his own use; and when the history of the ring is considered, it is hardly to be wondered at that a superstitious people prefer to give it a wide berth. According to the story that is told of it, the ring was made for King Alfonso XII., the father of the present boy King of Spain. Alfonso presented it to his cousin Mercedes on the day of their betrothal. How short her married life was all known; and on her death the King presented the ring to his grandmother, Queen Christina. Shortly afterwards Queen Christina died, and the King gave the ring to his sister, the Infanta del Pilar, who died within the month following. The ring was then given to the youngest daughter of the Duc de Montpensier. In less than three months she died, and Alfonso, by this time fearing that there was some unlucky omen connected with the bauble, put it away in his own treasure box. In less than a year the King himself died, and it was deemed best to put the ring away from all the living. Hence it was hung about the neck of the bronze effigy of the Maid of Almodna, where it appears to be as safe as though surrounded by a cordon of police.—Harper's Round Table.

Motives for Early English Settlement.

While the Dutch in the West and the British in the East made trade and wealth derived from commerce, their chief object, the object of the latter in the West was to make settlements, to establish a home, to dwell where they could practice their religion free from all interference and dictation. Their distinct policy became, shaped as it was by the course of events at home, to found a New England. This gave, as a character of perseverance to the efforts of the former, who, being insular and not at that time so exclusively devoted to commerce, were less vulnerable than the latter by sea and not at all by land. The Britan settlers were not guided in their choice of territory by thirst for gain; they wanted to found a nation to begin again, breaking with the traditions of the past, in a place where neither English law and Government nor the English Church, as directed by Laud, and operating through the Stu Chamber, could follow them. The process of settlement was slow, but it was sure; and the spectacle of a fundamental change wrought in the condition of human life and Government across the Atlantic had a powerful influence on the course of politics, both in Great Britain and on the Continent.—Blackwood's Magazine.

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