

THE FRONT STOOP OYNIC.

The Summer Man a Freak-The Summer Girl Missed.

Mr. Sirius Baker had sat in silence for more than half an hour on his front stoop watching the bicycles as they flashed past.

"What's the matter, Sirius? Does anything hurt you?" "Yes, ma'am," he answered, "something does hurt me.

"It's worse. For several years I have been asking myself whether we are drifting, and then giving the conundrum up because I qualified before the awful truth that the answer involved.

"Sirius, be just, if you cannot be generous. Don't blame me personally for the doings of other members of my sex. I don't ride a bicycle."

"Not but you'd like to. There! Look at 'em!" he growled, as another party went by. "A short time ago we had the summer girl. She wore white dresses and frizzed her hair, and kept her complexion white, and made you glad she didn't have wings to fly away with.

"Well," said his wife, in a philosophical tone, "there is never a loss without some gain. She will be replaced in some way."

"That's the worst of it. She has been replaced. And how? What have we now in her stead? The summer man. What is he? He's a freak; that's what he is.

"The pastor of a New England church announced that the regular weekly prayer-meeting would be devoted to discussion of a certain question of general interest to the congregation.

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"I washed my two children and got them ready for school and sewed a button on Johnny's coat and mended a rent in Nellie's dress. Then I tidied up my sitting-room and made two beds and watered my house plants and glanced over the morning paper. Then I dusted my parlor and set things in rights in it and washed some baby chimneys and combed my baby's hair and sewed a button on one of her little shoes, and then I swept out my front entry and brushed and put away the children's Sunday clothes and wrote a note to Johnny's teacher asking her to excuse him for not being at school on Friday. Then I fed my canary bird and cleared off the breakfast table and gave the grocery man an order and swept off the back porch, and then I sat down and rested for a few minutes before the clock struck nine. That's all." "All!" said the dazed lawyer. "Excuse me, Judge, I must get my breath before I call the next witness."—Detroit Free Press.

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"What we want is silver!" "Oh, I hardly think we could stand it in the present condition of our affairs," she replied.

"Her husband glared at her, and said: 'You don't mean to say that you want nothing but gold?'"

"Oh, no indeed. I don't want anything as expensive even as silver. We can get along very nicely with quadruple plate which looks just as well and wears just as long. And nobody is going to know the difference unless some one is so impolite as to hold the table ware up and look at the bottom."—Washington Star.

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"It is ice," he yelled, "and the very best I expected to make was a diamond." When they found him he was insant with joy. His mind was a blank. The secret was lost even in the moment that it was found.—Detroit Tribune.

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BASELY DECEIVED. He Had Trusted in the Weather Office and It Had Gone Back on Him. It was on one of the hottest days that usurped the privileges of balmy spring.

"Don't look a bit like rain. Weather forecast is for a dry spell. This one will do. Now I'll get some pie-plant leaves and put in it. Don't propose to have my brain baked."

"An hour later he was on the wooded part of the island, handkerchief and fan still in commission. Suddenly, as if the heavens had opened, he was deluged with rain. The muckage from the hat mingled with the extracted green of the big leaf, poured down over his head, neck and face, blinded his eyes, filled his ears and streamed over his natty light suit.

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Minnie—Ach, Elsie, have you heard that Herr Flottmaier proposed to me last night? Elsie—If I didn't think he would! Minnie—What! Did you expect it? Elsie—Certainly; for when I rejected him, only the day before yesterday, he solemnly declared he would go and do something desperate!

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned executors of Fannie Freas, late of the Borough of Berwick, in the county of Columbia, Pa., deceased, will expose to public sale on the premises on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1896, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, all the following described real estate to-wit: All that messuage, tenement and tract of land situate in the township of Briar Creek, county of Columbia and State of Penna., bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone corner; thence by lands of Emmer Dietrick, south 89 1/2 degrees east, 42 perches to a stone; thence by the same south 74 1/2 degrees east 32 perches to a stone; thence by the same south 87 1/2 degrees east 57 6-10 perches to a white oak; thence by the same south 13 1/2 degrees east 19 perches to a stone; thence by the same south 94 degrees east, 28 4-10 perches to a stone; thence by land of Hannah Spenberger north 82 degrees east, 40 9-10 perches to a stone; thence by land of Eli Whitney north 7 1/2 degrees east, 66 5-10 perches to a stone; thence by other lands of the estate of Henry Hittenhouse deceased, north 54 1/2 degrees west, 42 perches to a stone; thence by the same north 81 degrees west, 5 perches to a stone; thence by the same north 1 degree west, 88 8-10 perches to a stone; thence by land of the heirs of John Conner deceased, south 85 degrees west, 52 5-10 perches to a stone; thence by the same south 84 degrees west, 19 8-10 perches to a stone; thence by the same and lands of Levi Shaffer north 84 degrees west, 104 perches to a pine; thence by lands of Levi Shaffer and lands of Emmer Dietrick south 13 1/2 degrees west, 42 2-10 perches to a stone, the place of beginning, containing

100 ACRES and 32 perches of land, near measure, be the same more or less, whereon is erected a large two-story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, large bank barn, wagon shed, ice house, and other outbuildings. There is a good well of water at the house, and also one at barn. There is also a large orchard on the premises and a variety of choice fruit trees of all kinds. This is the old Henry Hittenhouse hill property and its situation about two and one-half miles west of Berwick on the creek road.

Also, at one o'clock p. m. of said day will be exposed to public sale on the premises in Briar Creek township aforesaid, the following described valuable real estate to-wit: The undivided seven-ninths of all that piece, parcel and tract of land, situate in the said township of Briar Creek, beginning at a pine knot in the land of George Evans, thence by the same north 13 1/2 degrees west, 70 1/2 perches to a stone; thence by land of Tobias Smith south 70 1/2 degrees west, 150 perches to a pine; thence by land of Abraham Ervine south 31 1/2 degrees east, 60 1/2 perches to a hickory tree; thence by lands of Jacob Wolf, north 73 degrees east, 132 perches to the place of beginning, containing

53 ACRES and 97 perches, and allowance.

Also at the same time and place the said George W. Ash will expose the undivided two-ninths of said above described tract, the same to be sold as an entire property. This tract of land is well timbered with oak, yellow pine and hemlock timber, and is a very desirable piece of woodland.

Also at three o'clock p. m. of said day, will be exposed to public sale on the premises, all that certain piece, parcel and tract of land situate in the township of Briar Creek aforesaid, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a stone in the centre of a public road leading from Evansville to Salem line; thence along centre of said public road north 84 1/2 degrees east 87 5-10 perches to a stone; thence north 74 degrees west, 243 perches to a stone; thence south 87 degrees west, 87 7-10 perches to a stone; thence south 74 degrees east 221 perches to a stone, the place of beginning, containing

125 ACRES, near measure, whereon is erected a two-story FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, bank barn and out-buildings. About one hundred acres of this land is cleared and mostly in a good state of cultivation, the balance is reasonably well timbered with oak, pine and chestnut timber. There is a good well of water at the house, also one at barn. Also a lot of choice fruit on the premises.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property, fifteen per cent. on the first day of January, 1897, and the balance in one year from the first day of January 1897, together with interest thereon from the first day of January 1897. Deed to be delivered to the purchaser upon receipt of purchase money. The purchaser or purchasers will be required to give bond with good and approved security for the faithful payment of the purchase money according to the above conditions.

GEORGE W. ASH, and GEORGE W. ASH, BRADY FREAS, Executors of Fannie Freas, dec'd. L. S. WINTERSTEIN, Atty.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of John Wenner, late of Fishing Creek township, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of John Wenner, late of Fishing Creek township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands on said estate to present the same without delay to the undersigned administrator.

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