A NARROW ESCAPE.

Duke Carlton paced restlessly back and forth on the pistform at the station of D——. He was a man twenty-six years of age, upon whom nature had certainly lavished an undue amount of good looks, but whose face was marked at present by a look; of was marred at present by a look of contempt for everything upon which his glance might chance to fall. And it was scarcely to be wondered at, for in just nine hours, as time was told by the large, slowly ticking clock in the waiting room at the depot, Duke Carlton was to be married. And here he was forty miles from his destination, and had just been told by the station agent that the trains had changed time, his train having left at precisely twenty minutes before his arrival, and there would not be another before eight that evening! Eight—the hour set for his marriage with was marred at present by a look the hour set for his marriage with the hour set for his marriage with sweet Lilla Houghton. What would she, could she, think? What a posi-tion to put her in. Already he imag-ined the crowded church, the sea of eager faces, the waiting bride and no He must reach the city of - in time for the ceremony, but

Presently he walked back to the lit tle ticket office, where the agent was

"Do you know if there is any sort of conveyance around here that I could get to take me to the next village? I would pay well for one, as is imperative that I should reach E— before night."

The agent calmly finished the sen tence he was writing, pushed the cap he was wearing on the back of his head still further back, and having thoughtfully chewed the end of his pen for about a half a minute, re-

"I dunno. You might be able to get old Harmon's horse and buggy if tain't let. He keeps the taven' bout a stone's throw from here, an' sometimes lets his horse; but he wants a tarnation price. You can try him, though; that's his chimney you see jest over the yeller house there." And he rose layliy and pointed vaguely down the street, where a number of small houses were visible, among which the yellow one stood out distinctly, having been recently built and just received its cont of priming.

Duke walked rapidly from the depot "I dunno. You might be able to get

Duke walked rapidly from the depot and hastened in the direction of the "tavern," keeping the cninney in view as a guard against mistake, and soon found himself before a dirty, illsoon found himself before a dirty, ill-kept, ill-looking place, from which an edor of boiled cabbage and onlons was now issuing. To his loud and twice repeated knocking the door was finally opened by an untidy specimen of womankind from which he would at any other time have recoiled in disgust; but his necessity was urgent, so, stepping forward, he raised his he' and courteously asked if he might see the proprietor.

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tally digesting the word, she answered with a half grunt:
"Ain't t' home, but I'm 'is wife 'nd we ain't no secrets. What du you

want?"
Duke smiled in spite of his perplexity, before he replied:
"I merely came to see if I could engage some one to take me over to the village east of here. I must reach E—tonight; I believe I can get a carriage there."
"There ain't no horse to hum," she said, "but Abe would take you over in the mornin. Du you want lodgin' for the night?" she added, an eager look taking the place of the previous vacant stare.

"No, thank you." said Duke; "if I cannot find a vehicle of some description I suppose I must walk, for I must certainly get there to-night. Can you tell me about how far it is to the next village, and which is the nearest way

village, and where is to go?"

"It's four mile an' a half by the railroad, an' nigh onto seven if you take the road," was the surly answer, as she saw there was not even a remote chance of "Abe's" making something in the morning. "But 'tain't making something in the morning. "But 'tain't many as likes to go by the railway, on 'count of the narrer tunnel, though it's a deal nearer."

"Thanks, Then If I take to the track here and track the track here and track the state of the track here and track the track here.

here and go straight ahead I shall come out at the village at the end of about four miles?"

A nod was his answer, followed, as he turned away, by the words: "Four an' a half, I said." So Duke started to walk the four and a half miles, concluding he must

take the shortest way he could, as he had not a superabundance of time; there might be some little delay even after he arrived at the village. So he began his journey at once, without even stopping for dinner.

He had passed the third mile post when he reached the tunnel. "Ah!" be said aloud. "Here is the tunnel of which she warned me. I wonder how long it is? What a dunce I was not to ask. It does look like a ticklish place, that's a fact—small, one track affair. I don't half like the idea of going through it. Wonder if I'd have made it if I'd taken the road?

have made it if I'd taken the road? Well, it's too late now—I'm in for it." He had groped along for a short quarter of a mile, feeling his way care-fully by the wall. Not a thought of any actual danger had entered his head—so full of his fair bride to be head—so full of his fair bride to beuntil suddenly a dull rumble struck
his ears, and caused him to wonder
from whence the sound proceeded.
Another instant and there flashed
across his brain the horrible reality.
A train was coming, from which direction he could not tell, but certainly
coming, and if the tunnel proved
much longer, the fact was undeniable
that he should be crushed beneath the
iron monster there alone in the dark-

He listened, laying his ear to the rail; It was coming in the rear. He quick-ened his steps—he ran-ran as rapidly as he dared for fear of a misstep which would hinder instead of advance his

Now the roar comes nearer; he can imagine the train as it is tearing along, carrying death to him. He thinks each individual hair is standing on end. The sweat pours down his ing on end. The sweat pours down me face, and still this darkness, still this louder roar of the engine as it comes steadily nearer and nearer, and his strength is nearly exhausted.

At last a gleam of light greets him at the farther end of the tunnel. Oh, what hope it inspires! He thinks of the races he has won at college, and determines to take a fresh start. Yes, he will run as if running a race, and forget the huge monster behind him, which some to paralyze behinds and which seems to paralyze his limbs and which seems to paralyze his mins and prevent all motion; he will run, run— he nrist win—how terrible the result if he does not! He thinks of Lula, his sweetheart, his wife that was to have been. Shall he ever see her again?

The light ahead grows more and The light anead grows more amore distinct, but his breath is going, and the train behind is rushing on fast; it seems quite close now; he can almost feel its breath upon him; still he runs. Another moment and he will have gained or lost—which? He pure takes that short space! What a nust make that short space! What a hing it is, this being face to face with leath! He cannot hold out much lon-ger; he feels he must lose—and what hen? but no—he will make one more effort. He clears the tunnel, leaps the track, and falls headlong lown the bank on the side, saved-but scious, while the heavily loaded reight train passes by.

But the engineer had seen him jump and not being able to ascertain whether he had been struck by the cowcatcher or not, stopped the train and went back in search of him; and when Duke Carlton regained con-sciousness he was lying on a seat in the depot in the village for which he had started some hours before.

He was not seriously injured. His fall had but stunned him, and in an hour he was quite ready to proceed on his journey, a little pale, it is true, and shaky in the lower extremetics. but otherwise rejoicing that he had succeeded in his quest, and would be in time for his wedding, with thirty minutes to spare.

Duke Carlton does not believe in the theory that a person's hair turns white in a night from sudden fright or sorrow, for his own raven locks show not a trace of silver; and surely no one ever had a more terrible fright or a narrower escape than did he on his wedding day, when he ran a race for his bride.

THE FRENCH HONOR.

In the Army It Is of a Particular Variegated Kind.

"No," said the French artillery officer quoted by the Cleveland Leader, "I have never done a thing that any man should be ashamed of."

"You have never told a lie?" the adocate demanded.

"Never."
"You have never robbed a chicken

coop?"
"Never, as I am a gentleman and a

"You have never violated the sanc-tity of an oath?"
"No, I have never thought of doing such a thing."

"You have never gone into your friend's house and abused his hospitality?

"Of course not."
"You swear that you are guiltless of all these things, do you?

"I swear it." "You have never cheated your land-

lady?"
"Never."

"Now, on your honor as a soldier, tell me, are you not guilty of all the crimes that I have mentioned?"

The officer went pale, and replied:
"Ah, monsieur, why have you appealed to my soldierly honor? Why do you compel me to confess that I have lied, robbed hen coops, abused my friends' confidence, perjured myself, and left my board bill unpaid? As a soldier of France I could do these things and still remain unsullied; but upon my honor as a soldier I may not deny them. Hand me the six-shooter."

Befo' de Wah Style,

In these days of crazy fads almost any price will be paid for the gratifi-cation of a sense A novelty is pre-sented by a middle-aged man of wealth sented by a imiddle-aged man of wealth who lives in a handsome house near the lower end of Central Park. His father was a slaveholder, and old times are recalled by a daily return to ante-bellum conditions. Negro servants are employed with the understanding that when there are no visitors in the house thay shall call the owner "Master" or "Mars John." It is just like slave days to be there. "Here, Sam, you — black scoundrel, black my boots." "Yas, Mars John." "George you rascal, saddle my horse." "Yas, marster." "Herry, you'll get a thousand lashes if you don't hourse. "Yas, marster." "Henry, you'll get a thousand lashes if you don't hurry up there." "Yas, sah, Mars John, I is hu'in fas' 's I kin." In the presence of guests the servants say "Mr. Barcus," "Yes, sir," and "No, sir." while he addresses them with dignity and respect.—New York Press.

Has Its Compensations

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I notice that there's a good deal of ague in this part of the country," said the tourist, who stopped at the farmhouse for a drink of water. "That's a great drawback. It unfits a man for work entirely, does it not?" "Gener'ly it does," said the sailow woman who handed him a tin cup. "Still, when John has a right hard fit of the shakes we fasten the churn

of the shakes we fasten the churn dasher to him and he brings the butter inside of fifteen minutes." ----

MAJOR'S EXPERIENCE

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One of the staunchest supporters of the cep-water way from the Great Lakes to the can is Maj. A. C. Bishop, of 715 Third can is Maj. A. C. Bishop, of 715 Third superintendent and engineer in charge of the

ing operations and when the State Reformatory at Elmira, N. Y., was built, he was superintendent and engineer in charge of the construction.

Major Bishop was attached to the staff of Brigadier General Chamberlin, of the National Guard of New York, with the rank of Major from 1857 to 1865.

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ORPHANS' COURT SALE -OF VALUABLE-Real Estate.

In pursuance of an order, issued out of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, the undersigned, executor of Elias Mellerry, late of the Borough of Benton, Columbia county, Pa., deceased, will expose to public sale, on the premises on

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1898,

at two o'clock p. m., all that certain lot of land, situate in the Borough of Benton, Columbia county, Pa., and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning a sisted of Main street, thence along said street north twenty-eight and one-fourth degrees east three rods to a corner at an alley; thence by said alley south sixty-one and three-fourths degrees east, thirden and four-tenths rods to a corner of the street of the said alley south sixty-one and three-fourth degrees, west three rods to a corner of the said alley so the said alley so the said alley so the said one-fourth degrees, west three rods to a corner of lot No. 55 thence by said lot north sixtyone and three-fourths degrees, west thirteen and four-tenths rods to the place of beginning, containing

40 SQUARE PERCHES OF LAND strict measure, being lot No. 24 in the plan or draft of the north part of Benton, laid out by Richard Stiles, on which are erected a two-story DWELLING HOUSE,

barn and outbuildings.
TERMS OF SALE:—Ten per cent, of one-fourth of the purchase money to be pald at the striking down of the property, the one-fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmation of the sale, and the remaining inree-fourths in one year thereafter, with interest from confirmation instances.

10-20t4 M. T. MCHENRY, A. L. FRITZ, Atty. EXECUTOR.

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RSTATE OF WM. H. YORGEV, DEC'D.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pa, to pass on exceptions, &c., and make distribution of the funds in a county of the co

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

nature of John A. Funston, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that letters of administration, with the will annexed, on the estate of John A. Funston, tate of the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Charles W. Funston, resident of said town, 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 allay. cut delay, CHARLES W. FUNSTON, c. t. a., Administrator, 10 20-6t.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Ratate of Earle Hess, Deceased.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Fa, to pass upon exceptions and make distribution, will sit, to perform the duties of his appointment, at the office of Robert Bucklinghum, Esq., in the Town of Biomeburg, Fa., on Thursday, November 2t, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and to be a supersistent of the County of

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Vend. Ex., issued out o the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House in Bloomsburg

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30, 1893, at two o'clock p. m., all these sundry lots and premises, situate in the village of Minlinville, in the Township of Minlin, in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, as follows, to wit: Three out lots in the said village, marked, numbered and described in the general plan of said village, as out lots Nos. 12, 43 and 105, and in lots Nos. 108, 183, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168 and 115, property of the out lots Nos. 42, 43 and 105, and in lots Nos. 109, 168, 104, 105, 166, 107, 108 and 115, property of the said Hiram Eckroth, and also on all the right, title and interest, of the said Hiram Eckroth in the following described real estate, situate in the same village and plot of ground, to wit: The house and ground comprising the late residence of Lewis Eckroth, deceased, being in lot No. 24, and part in lot No. 25, whereon are erected a large two-story

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