

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

At Christmas play and make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year.

Be merry all, be merry all! With holly dress the festive hall; Prepare the song, the feast, the ball To welcome merry Christmas.

It is the Christmas time; And up and down 'twixt heaven and earth, In the glorious grief and solemn mirth, The shining angels climb.

The time draws near the birth of Christ: The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist.

Heap on more wood! the wind is dull, But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep one Christmas merry still.

This is the time when the very old man Leaps back to the days of youth; When brows and eyes wear no disguise, But flush and gleam with truth.

We speak of a merry Christmas And many a happy New Year, But each in his heart is thinking Of those that are not here.

They who do their souls no wrong, But keep at eve the faith of morn, Shall daily hear the angel song, "Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

CHRISTMAS IN THE ARMY.

How the Soldier Boys Celebrated During the Sixties.

The Army of the Potomac, under General George B. McClellan, was camped about Washington from August, 1861, to March, 1862, and most of it in Virginia as far down the Potomac as Alexandria, as far up as Chain bridge and as far out toward General Beauregard and his tenacious Americans as Munson's hill.

That year there was a Christmas dinner for every mess. From the rich homes of the large cities had come the best in the market. From tens of thousands of farms had come the daintiest dishes that mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and sweethearts could prepare.

Christmas dinners were the order of the day in 1864. The army was strung along behind fortifications from Richmond to below Yellow House, on the Weldon railroad, a distance of nearly 40 miles.

Christmas Table Decoration. A very pretty decoration for the table at the Christmas dinner is a tiny Christmas tree. Candied fruits and gilded and silvered walnuts make it bright and seasonable, while a little frosting with the powder that comes for the purpose makes it a beautiful object under the glitter of the lights.

Adorning the Christmas Tree. The foliage of a Christmas tree may be brushed here and there with muceilage and then sprinkled with common salt and a very pleasing result is obtained. A pretty drapery for the tree is made by cutting long strips, about four inches wide, of tissue paper, then cutting it closely, partly, but not entirely, across the widths, making fringes.

A Christmas Eve Idyl. The hour was late; the lights burned low, The fire but half dispelled the gloom; A youth and maid, with cheeks aglow, Sat silent in the room.

Twelve Christmas eve, and half in jest They would not say good night, because They vowed to watch and do their best To see old Santa Claus.

Slow ticked the clock; they said no word; The solemn midnight hour drew near, And still no telltale sound was heard Of Santa coming near.

Twelve struck; and then, all suddenly, A guest came in, surprised the pair; It was not Santa Claus, no he, But Cupid that stood there!

Crippled at Play.

IMPRUDENCE ON THE BALL FIELD ENDS IN MISERY.

Exposure Causes the Downfall of Many Athletes The Story of a Man who was Stricken.

From the Free Press, Detroit, Mich.

"You talk about ball playing," said Charles W. Churchill, of 66 Miami Ave., Detroit, the well known traveling salesman, who sells computing scales throughout Michigan, "I will never forget the experience I had while playing this game two years ago.

"Like all young men I played ball, in fact during my college days I was quite a ball player. I had all the qualifications to be a professional player, but instead, secured a place as a traveling salesman.

"Two years ago while spending a day in a small junction town in this State, some of us traveling men went in the suburbs to see a scrub ball game.

"Well, to make the story short I got into the game in less than five minutes and was doing more talking and running than I had for years.

"I became all warmed up and had my coat, vest and hat off. Every time I made a circuit of the bases I would lay down on the ground and try to cool off.

"This was a dangerous thing to do in my heated state, and the next morning I could scarcely walk. The physician that was called, said I had rheumatism. I was taken home on a cot.

"For nine weeks I stayed in my room and for seven of those weeks I was on my back in the bed.

"The day I played that game I weighed 148 pounds, and when I commenced to be well enough to be out again, I only weighed 116 pounds.

"I took nearly everything that has ever been prescribed for rheumatism, and had the best of medical attendance but was not benefited much. I was told that I would probably be crippled for years.

"I had about given up all hopes of ever being able to go on the road again, when I read an article in my paper about a case of rheumatism almost identical with my own that had been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

"I decided to try the pills and bought two boxes of them. They gave me some relief and I bought six more boxes. I soon gained strength and flesh every day and continued using the pills until I was entirely free from all pain.

"That is why I recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People to those suffering from rheumatism." C. W. CHURCHILL.

This is to certify that Mr. C. W. Churchill, personally appeared before me and read and signed the foregoing statement in my presence, and acknowledged the same to be true in every respect.

ROBERT E. HULL, JR., Notary Public.

What better proof could a person want than the above facts. These pills stand unrivaled as a tonic for the blood.

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When you want to look on the bright side of things, use SAPOLIO

OLD GINGER FINGERS.

The New York Sun prints the following amusing article concerning the battle of Gettysburg:

"The artillery fire at Gettysburg," said a gunner of the old war, "was simply magnificent. I was in an Ohio battery, posted on Cemetery Hill. We were running short of ammunition, when Gen. Meade, dismissing his staff below, rode with a single orderly to our exposed position. The boys were all at white heat and in a state of frenzy, because the ammunition called for had not come. They heard the quiet man on horseback say repeatedly to the Captain that the hill must be held at all hazards, ammunition or no ammunition. This vexed them, but they knew that the officer, whoever he was, spoke the truth, and they began to collect the unexploded shells that had been fired at them from the Confederate batteries.

"There were a great many of these scattered over our part of the hill, and when Gen. Meade comprehended what the boys were doing he was greatly pleased. He dismounted, and in a quiet sort of a way proceeded to supervise the collection of shells. He was in fatigue dress and wore no shoulder straps, and none of the men recognized him. They thought he was some ordnance officer, and finally, when he turned his horse over to his orderly and proceeded to carry shells himself, they did not resent his supervision. As a rule the shells were heavier than the General expected, and he did not compare with the stalwart artillerymen rushing about with the recklessness and energy of madmen.

"John Snicker was one of the best men in the battery, but was rough in speech and action. Seeing, as he supposed, a Lieutenant or Captain from the outside stooping to pick up a shell he pushed the officer aside with the remark: 'Get out of this, old Ginger Fingers! Your mind's willin', but your body's weak, and you are in the way.' Meade, surprised and amused, stood aside. A few minutes later Gen. Warren and staff rode up for a conference with Meade, and the cat was out of the bag.

"Snicker was so overwhelmed with confusion that he almost had a fit. The Sergeant tried to comfort him with the assurance that Gen. Meade would excuse informality under such circumstances, but John insisted that what scared him was that he never came so near kicking a man in his life without doing it as he did Gen. Meade when he stooped to pick up the shell. He was grieved to think he hadn't recognized Meade, and was in a panic whenever he thought about what might have happened had he acted on the impulse and kicked the General commanding the army."

"No, indeed; Eveyln would not marry a man for his money."

"If I couldn't get his money while we were engaged," she exclaimed, earnestly, "I'd let it go!"

And yet the world, tenacious of its fond delusions, insists that women are sometimes mercenary.—Detroit Journal.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levam Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1899, at ten o'clock a. m., all that certain messuage tenement and tract of land, situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Port Noble street, at a corner of land of the Pennsylvania Canal Company, and running thence north forty-six degrees forty-five minutes east, one hundred and thirty-one feet to a stake; in the westerly side of a twenty-foot private street; thence south forty-three degrees fifteen minutes east, one hundred and thirty-nine feet to the line of the Pennsylvania Canal; thence south forty-six degrees forty-five minutes west, one hundred and eighty-three feet to the line of land of the Pennsylvania Canal Company; thence along the same north twenty-two degrees thirty-eight minutes west, one hundred and forty-seven and five-tenths feet to the place of beginning, whereon is erected a

BRICK MATCH FACTORY, an engine and boiler room, together with all the match making and other machinery contained therein, including boiler, engine and fixtures. Seized, taken in execution, at the suit of C. C. Peacock and E. B. Tustin, trustees, vs. the Bloomsburg Match Company, and to be sold as the property of the Bloomsburg Match Company. W. W. BLACK, Sheriff.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. ESTATE OF WM. H. SNYDER, LATE OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., DECEASED. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary in above estate have been granted to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands, to present the same without delay. SARAH M. SNYDER, Executrix. Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 15, 1898.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. The undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphan's Court of Columbia County, to distribute the funds in the hands of the Administrator of Susanna C. Hayman, late of Orange township, deceased, as shown by his first and final accounts, will sit to perform his duties at the office of C. W. Miller, Esq., on Saturday, January 7th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m., when and where all persons interested are requested to present their claims against said estate or be debarred from a share of the same. CLEM H. WEISS, Auditor. 12-15-98.

ELECTION NOTICE. The annual election by the stockholders of the Farmers' National Bank of Bloomsburg, Pa., to choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the bank on Tuesday, January 10th, 1899, between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon. A. H. BLOOM, Cashier. 12-28-98.

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EXECUTORS' SALE -OF VALUABLE- REAL ESTATE. The undersigned, executors of the estate of John Zaner, late of Fishingcreek township, deceased, will expose to sale, on the premises, on TUESDAY, DEC. 27, 1898, At ten o'clock a. m. Late the homestead property of the late John Zaner, deceased, located at Zaner's station, on the H. & S. R. R., bounded and described as follows, viz:

LOT NO. 1.—Beginning at a stake, corner in line of land of Daniel Whittentight, and in east line of F. & S. R. R.; thence north seventy and one-half degrees east ninety-one and eight-tenths perches along land of said Whittentight to a corner, in line of land of James and Warren Coleman; thence along said Coleman land north forty-seven degrees west fifty-three and six-tenths perches to a white oak; thence along same land and other land of the John Zaner estate, north twenty-three and one-half degrees west one hundred and seventy-nine perches to a stone corner; thence along same Zaner estate seventeen and one-half degrees east forty perches to a stone corner, on east side of B. & S. R. R.; thence along land of Daniel McHenry north seventy-two and three-quarters degrees west seven perches to a stake; thence along land of said McHenry south thirty-nine degrees west forty perches to a stake; thence along land of T. H. Edgar south thirty-four degrees west seventy-one and seven-tenths perches to a stake in the creek; thence south thirteen degrees west twenty-two and six-tenths perches to a corner stake; thence south one-half degree east fifty-nine perches to an original maple corner, common corner, of land of T. H. Edgar, Ellis Stoker, and said Zaner estate; thence along land of Ellis Stoker south forty degrees east eighty perches to a corner; thence south twenty-five degrees east three perches to a corner in public road, near the west end of bridge across the main branch of Fishingcreek; thence west fifty and three-quarters degrees east twenty-nine and five-tenths perches to spike in public road, and in line of H. & S. R. R. (right of way); thence north eighty-three and one-half degrees east four perches across said railroad to a stake; thence along said railroad south six and a quarter degrees east fifty-six and four-tenths perches to the place of beginning, containing 137 ACRES and one hundred and thirty-four perches, strict measure, also belonging to same tract.

LOT NO. 2.—Beginning at an original and common corner of land of Whittentight, Wm. Stoker, Ellis Stoker, and said Zaner estate, large butternut witness; thence north twenty-five degrees west along land of Ellis Stoker, forty-six perches to a corner in public road, near west side of bridge, above mentioned in lot No. 1; thence north fifty and three-quarters degrees east twenty-nine and five-tenths perches to a spike in said road; thence along B. & S. R. R. south six and a quarter degrees east twenty-nine and eight-tenths perches to a corner; thence along lot of said Railroad Company south fifty-five and three-quarters degrees west seven and five-tenths perches to a corner; thence south twenty degrees east twenty-four and nine-tenths perches to a stake, in line of land of Daniel Whittentight; thence south seventy and one-half degrees west nine and five-tenths perches across Fishingcreek, to the place of beginning, containing 5 ACRES and forty-three perches, strict measure, also belonging to same tract.

LOT NO. 3.—Beginning at a stone corner of the Zaner farm, and land of James and Warren Coleman; thence north sixty-three and three-quarters degrees east sixty-three perches to a stone corner; thence along same land north twenty-seven and one-half degrees west one hundred and seven and five-tenths perches to corner of Golden's land; thence along Golden's land south sixty-three and three-quarters degrees west twenty-one perches; thence along land of Daniel McHenry south sixteen and three-quarters degrees west fourteen and five-tenths perches to a stone corner; thence along land of said Zaner estate south seventeen and one-half degrees west forty perches to stone corner; thence along the same south twenty-three and one-half degrees east sixty-nine and two-tenths perches to the place of beginning, containing 35 ACRES and twenty perches, altogether containing 178 ACRES and 37 PERCHES, upon which are erected TWO SETS FRAME BUILDINGS. The same will also be offered in two tracts, if purchasers desire. The land is well watered, mostly level. In a high state of cultivation, and lies along the bank of Fishingcreek.

ALSO, The following tract of land, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone, formerly black oak, corner of land of Jacob Karns; thence by land of said Jacob Karns north seventeen and one-half degrees east one hundred and sixty-three and five-tenths perches to a stone; thence by land of William Ikeler south seventy-six and one-half degrees east seventy-four and five-tenths perches to a post; thence by land of Ellis S. Stoker south eighty degrees west one hundred and thirty-eight perches to a post; thence by land of John and Sylvester Pealer south eighty-three and a quarter degrees west one hundred and seven perches to the place of beginning, containing 79 ACRES and one hundred and six perches, strict measure, and also adjoining thereto and part thereof, a tract of land, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north and east by land of John Zaner, south and southwest by lands of Geo. Pealer, and public road, leading from Fishingcreek to Rohrsburg, containing 40 PERCHES, more or less. Altogether containing 79 ACRES and 146 perches, the same being vacant. TERMS OF SALE:—Twenty per cent of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; twenty per cent, April 1, 1899, at which time possession will be given, and the balance January 1st following, with interest from the first of 1899. WM. CHRISMAN, LOYD ZANER, EXECUTORS. 12-1-98.

ELECTION NOTICE. The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcliff Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the hall, Centre Grade, No. 56, P. O. of H. on January 9, 1899, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. H. H. BROWN, Secretary. 12-8-98.

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