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CHAS. M. EVANS.

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A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

The COLUMBIAN announced that for the weeks before Christmas, that the COLUMBIAN will go into every home in Bloomsburg. This is an excellent opportunity to have a little chat with every family of that town. I am not personally acquainted with many of the people, but I have many warm and valued friends in your town.

I will not talk politics. This would be offensive to many and not pleasant before Christmas. I will talk about some prominent family of the neighborhood and their historical connections, or perhaps of some other incidents of general interest. I will speak of Henry Bittenbender's family, and his career, while a resident in Fishingcreek township, and other places. His wife's maiden name, I think, was Keim. This union was blessed with four children—two sons and two daughters, Hiram, Evan, Mary, and the youngest daughter's name I either forgot or never knew. When first married, I believe, Henry, as he was familiarly called, kept the upper Orangeville hotel, and a dwarf named Johnson kept the lower hotel. At this time, the annual spring yankee run was all the go, or principal custom, that the hotel keepers had along the route of the yearly return of yankees who lined the road for weeks, on their return trips, when homeward bound. But you may ask what is meant by the "annual yankee run?" At this time, there were no railroads to facilitate travel, or transportation, and the lumbermen along the upper Susquehanna river and tributaries, had no means of getting their lumber to market at Haverdegrace, Baltimore and other places than by rafting. Hence every spring freshet the river and streams were lined with lumber rafts, floating to market, and piloted to their destination by the so called yankees. There are people living in Bloomsburg and along every stream who remember the scenes here described. The yankees' homeward course lay along the river line until they reached Bloomsburg, and thence by Lightstreet, Orangeville, Cambra, Ganoga Lake, DuShore and thence northward until they reached home. Now to return to the Bittenbenders, and Orangeville. Johnson was a dwarf and was located in the lower hotel and had the whole yankee custom. Henry Bittenbender was in the upper hotel, and the yankees did not stop with him. It so happened however, that these two hotel men changed location, Bittenbender going to the lower and Johnson to the upper hotel. The next run of yankees all stopped in the lower hotel, (I relate it now as Henry himself told it) and seeing a new man at the helm, cried out, "Where is Johnson?" Henry told them, "In the upper hotel." Out they went, and up to Johnson. Henry found that he would get no custom in this manner hence he changed his tactics. When they cried, "Where is Johnson?" he said, "In the upper hotel," and when starting to go there he told them "have something to drink before you go." Thus he said, he gave away more than a barrel of whiskey to the leaving yankees. But the following spring he said the yankees nearly all stopped with him. Later he moved to the Cambra hotel and had no opposition in the yankee traffic.

Later still he purchased the farm on which is located the Zaner station on the B. & S. R. R.

Henry was commissioner of Columbia County during the year of 1858 and '59 but whether he had a second term I do not remember. He was a candidate for County treasurer about the year 1864 but was defeated by Daniel McHenry of Stillwater. His son Hiram married a daughter of the late Michael Lemons, and Evan married

a daughter of Daniel Stoker, late of Forks. Mary, one of his daughters married Enos Pealer of Pealertown, at Forks. I have no information to give of the youngest daughter. Evan's first wife was a grand-daughter of the late Hon. Alexander Colley, of Benton. About the year 1865 Henry sold his beautiful Fishingcreek farm at Zaner station, to John Zaner, a brother-in-law, and moved to Michigan. After the death of Mr. Bittenbender his widow again married, a blind man this time. Some fifteen or twenty years ago, a daughter of Evan was visiting at Cambra, and I chanced to be at the late Hon. James McHenry's store, when I was informed of the visit of this young lady, and was urged to meet her and get an introduction. I was told that she was an elocutionist of rare ability, hence I willingly met the young lady and was introduced to her. She recited several pieces, when I told her that I was in possession of an excellent piece that I would like if I could hear recited by an elocutionist. She asked what the title of the piece was. I told her that it was, "Katrina's Visit to New York."

"Why," she said, "I recited that a little while ago." As she had recited it, it was with the utmost difficulty that I prevailed upon her to repeat it. This young lady is now the wife of J. L. Richardson of your town. Her father, Evan, married for his second wife Mrs. W. H. Snyder, widow of the late County Superintendent W. H. Snyder. I was very intimately acquainted with the Bittenbender family. There was a very hospitable home; affable and courteous.

JOHN C. WENNER,
Benton, Pa.

A DEARTH OF CLERGY.

Some of the Reasons.

In nearly all of the religious bodies there is complaint that the number of young men who are entering the ministry is much less than formerly, and is still growing less. In one of the western conferences of the Methodist church this year it was announced that many of the clergy and had resigned from the ministry gone into secular employment, because they were unable to live on the salaries they received.

The same condition prevails all along the line. At the recent session of the Episcopal Church in General Convention at Richmond, it was resolved that the week before Advent should be devoted to a series of meetings, when special prayers should be offered for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, and to efforts to induce young men to enter the ministry.

In accordance with this, services are being held every night this week in St. Paul's church, except Saturday.

On Sunday morning Rev. J. W. Diggles preached an excellent sermon on the subject, giving some reasons why young men do not become ministers.

He said, first, because the minister is no longer looked up to with the reverence that he used to have. Years ago he was the best educated man of the community, usually the only college graduate, and for this reason he inspired respect. Now it is very different. There are now many men in almost every community as well educated as the parson.

Again, the clergymen are made too much the object of criticism. At nearly every Sunday dinner the sermon is criticised, and often nearly everything the parson does is unfavorably commented upon by parents in the hearing of their sons, and the boys lose respect not only for the man, but for the office, and have no inclination to become clergymen.

Another reason is the lack of support. A man spends four years in college, three years in a seminary, and then begins his labors as a missionary at a salary not much more than a day laborer gets. It was a very plain practical sermon, and stated the situation very clearly.

The Christmas Woman's Home Companion.

The Christmas issue of *Woman's Home Companion* is a sumptuous magazine, with several pages in color. The cover is reproduced from an exquisite painting by Jessie Wilcox Smith, of a mother and babe. The number is full of Christmas atmosphere—rattling good Christmas stories, Christmas pictures by prominent artists, and hundreds of Christmas suggestions of all sorts—practical, fanciful, unique.

Laura Spencer Porter and Jeanette S. Porter contribute "Cinderella," a little family Christmas play. A feature is a theatrical reminiscence by Clara Morris, "Christmas on the Road." Dr. Edward Everett Hale writes of "How to Use the Christ-Mass." Irving Bachelier has a new book, and the first part of "The Cricket Tales" appears in the Christmas number, introducing to the world a character even greater than the famous Eben Holden. Dr. Woods Hutchinson, the distinguished physician, in "Children and Candy" dissipates once for all the old bugaboo that candy is harmful. "It isn't," he says, "it is one of the most wholesome things one can eat." Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' great novel, "Though Life Do Us Part," which has just begun in *Woman's Home Companion*, continues in December; "Keeping the Bins Closed" fires a big gun in the "Know Your Grocer" campaign of *Woman's Home Companion*. It tells facts every housewife should know. Two songs by the late Edward Grieg the famous composer, with full musical score, form a rare treat for the lovers of good music.

The stories in the Christmas number include: "A Wild Boar Rampant," by Robert Barr; "An Undiscovered Siddons," by Claire Wallace Flynn; "Cap'n Gilly," by Mary Catherine Lee; "The Lost Spirit of Christmas," by Grace S. Richmond; "Frederika's First," by William Hamilton Osborn; "The Little Water Boy," by Julia Hempstead Bull, and "A Bachelor's Christmas Eve," by Marguerite Campion. There are scores of articles, in addition, and the departments are full of Christmas ideas and suggestions.

Picturesque Pennsylvania.

Do you believe that Pennsylvania is one of the most attractive States, as well as the richest in mineral wealth? *The Philadelphia Record* does. It is devoting a page of its Sunday Magazine to "Picturesque Pennsylvania" in which from Sunday to Sunday will be presented the most striking, charming and attractive features of the natural scenery of the State, in which it is unrivalled.

Its "Picturesque Pennsylvania" page consists of articles descriptive of the fine scenery of its various sections, interwoven with a goodly measure of legend, local tradition, and historical incident, thus giving the articles a warm human interest, besides calling the attention of the *Record's* great army of readers to the picturesque features of their own State.

These articles are written, or edited by George E. Mapes, who has charge of "Our State Neighbors" column on the editorial page of the *Record*. He has made a special study of Pennsylvania, and is personally familiar with every section of the State. The articles are illustrated with the best pictures of the striking scenery described that modern photography can furnish.

The first five articles, which have already appeared, have been devoted to the water gaps and river gorges made by the Delaware, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Swatara and Susquehanna rivers through the Kittatinny range of mountains. It is the purpose of the *Record* to include in this series of descriptive articles all the important natural attractions of Pennsylvania, among which may be named its mountain ranges, its principal river systems, fertile valleys, marvelous springs, forest reserves, numerous lakes, water-falls, caverns, and other interesting natural features.

The *Record* will welcome in this connection, suggestions and information from its State readers regarding special scenic features which can be described and presented in attractive pictured form from any section of the State.

For four weeks before Christmas THE COLUMBIAN will go into every home in Bloomsburg, and for that reason will be an excellent advertising medium. It will be made specially attractive during that time.

H. W. CHAMPLIN M. D.
EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.
Particular attention to examining and treating children's eyes.
Eat Building, Bloomsburg, Pa.

TRAINING THE FIREMEN.
Wonderful Results Achieved in the Paris Fire Department.

From close observation, it is safe to say that the corps d'élite of the Continental Fire Department is the regiment of Sapeurs-Pompiers of Paris. For military purposes it is under the control of the Governor of Paris; for technical purposes under the Prefect of Police. It is not an easy matter to become a Paris fireman. A man must have served as a soldier, his record must be especially good, and he must possess some peculiar fitness for the service. The training is thorough. There are six hours a day of actual instruction two hours of which are devoted to gymnastics under a professor to fit the men for life-saving duties.

Agility is considered in France to be one of the most valuable qualifications of a fireman—agility which will enable him to scale walls, to creep along gutters, to swing from window sills. Therefore the firemen of the great cities of France spend much time in their gymnastics, drilling with parallel bars, flying rings, trapezes, and other apparatus, and also in the simple calisthenics that are familiar in schools. Physical training is carried to a high degree of excellence, and every distinguished visitor to Paris is invited to witness a gymnastic exhibition by the firemen.

Some of these exercises would cause an American fireman to smile, yet any expert in physical culture will testify to their value in making the joints supple, the muscles firm and hard the chest broad the movements quick, and in making the whole man stronger and healthier. To see a battalion of firemen lying flat on their backs and at the word of command raising and lowering their bodies from their hands makes one wonder what this seemingly puerile exercise has to do with putting out fires. The drill master will tell you that it strengthens the arms, wrists, shoulders, and chests, and makes the man more fit for deeds that demand ability and strength, such as rescuing women and children from upper windows.

The gymnasium is the favorite place of amusement of Sapeurs-Pompiers, and they perform some really amazing feats of strength and dexterity such as walking on their hands and doing the "grand circle" on the high horizontal bar. The Paris life savers have a drill which is exclusively and originally their own. A round horizontal bar about forty feet long and twelve inches in diameter is placed upon two twelve foot upright posts. The men run along the bar, often balancing themselves on one foot, but rarely reach the end. In falling they catch hold of the bar, turn a somersault, and swing themselves gracefully to the ground. This exercise is to teach them to steady themselves or to carry a person along the top of a swaying or falling wall.

Another of their feats is performed by two men swinging one on a trapeze, the other on the flying rings. After obtaining the necessary momentum they let go, pass each other in the air, catch the trapeze or the rings, make a quick turn, and repeat each other in midair all in one movement, as it were.

These men are wonderful as wall scalers; they climb with their hands, feet, knees, almost with their eyelashes, up a piece of wall built like that of a frame house. Ability to go up, or down, an almost smooth wall with a scaling ladder may prove invaluable to any of these men at any time, though of course they have scaling ladders and all the other paraphernalia of a fireman's work for use in ordinary cases.

It is, however, in the emergencies, in the unforeseen occasions, in which extraordinary measures must be taken and taken instantly, that these gymnastic lessons stand a fireman in good stead. Such an occasion, for instance, as suddenly finding himself on the top story of a building with all the staircases burned away, and no time to wait for a ladder to be raised. Perhaps a woman, or a child, is crying for him to help; and then it is in the man who can take a living burden in his arms and climb down the wall like a squirrel, who will be hailed as a hero.

Election Notice.

The regular annual stockholders meeting for managers of the Bloomsburg Public Library will take place December 4, at the Library room between the hours of 10 and 12 a. m.

Louise H. Dillon, Secretary.

I Give Honor to Whom it is Due.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, of Rondout, N. Y., cured me of Bright's disease and Gravel. Four of the best physicians had failed to relieve me. I have recommended it to scores of people with like success, and know it will cure all who try it.—Mrs. E. P. Mizner, Burg Hill, O. Price \$1.00, all druggists; 6 bottles \$5.00.

Those Delicious Lemon Pies.

The kind that "make your mouth water" are easily made with no fussing and at least possible expense if you use "OUR PIE" Preparation. Don't hesitate. Try it and tell your friends. At grocers, to cents. Everybody is pleased with "OUR-PIE."

That Little Green Ticket

Which has been placed on the

Suits, Coats and Children's Coats

at the Garment Department of The Clark Store, makes you a NICE SAVING on your purchases of these goods. Its just so much money in pocketbook, and they are the greatest Coat, Suit and Children's Coat VALUES NOW OFFERED. Your inspection invited.

THE CLARK STORE.

Furs of all kinds at the prices to suit.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Bulletin.

THE NEW UNION STATION AT WASHINGTON.

All the passenger trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad will enter and depart from the new Union Station at Washington on November 17, 1907, and on the same date the present station at Sixth and B Streets will be closed to traffic.

The date is singularly fitting. In 1807 both wings of the Capitol were completed, and now a century later a building even larger is opened for a great public utility, which did not exist at that time.

The railroad terminal facilities at Washington have been inadequate for years, particularly at inauguration periods and on the assemblage of other large gatherings at the Capitol. Their improvement was imperative and so it has come about that, by the combined effort of the railroads and the United States Government, one of the largest and unquestionably the handsomest railroad station in the world is now provided not only for the convenience of the citizens of the United States, but as a notable architectural addition to the great public buildings of the Capital City. It is a monumental edifice and a worthy type of the future structures, which will make Washington the municipal beauty spot of the world.

The station including the Concourse is longer than the Capitol and nearly as wide. The waiting room is larger than the hall of the House of Representatives. The concourse, which is the train lobby, is longer than the interior of the Capitol building, if it were one continuous hall, and half as wide. It is the largest building ever constructed for a like purpose.

Within this great structure there is every convenience the traveler can desire, so grouped about the central hall as to serve his purpose to the best advantage.

The lofty arched entrances face a plaza as large as an ordinary city park, which will be laid out as a plaza and adorned with shrubbery and fountains.

The trackage is sufficient for all demands upon it and as the entrance to and exit from the trains are separated, the confusion and jostling of hurrying crowds moving in opposite directions will be obviated.

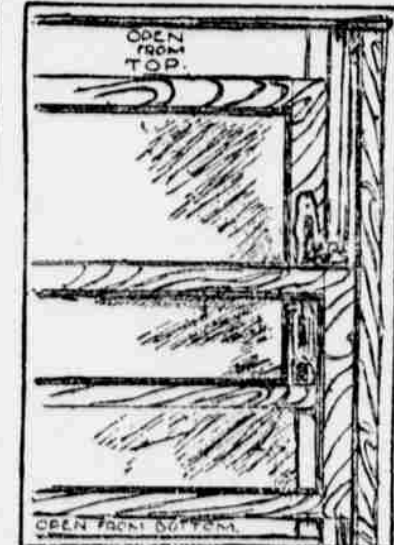
The bigness of the station is impressive; its utilities obvious.

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IDEAL SAFETY WINDOW LOCK.

Ventilates Without Sacrificing Security or Defacing Sashes.

The value of ventilation to health is acknowledged by every thinking person. To ventilate without sacrificing security, without mutilating sashes, has been looked forward to by all builders and owners. Such perfection seems possible in the safety window lock shown in the illustration. The lock consists of a ratchet and lock, whose bolt, pressed by a spring, is thrust into the depressions or ratchets and prevents the raising of the window. The casing of the lock is made of the hardest steel, and the spring of fine wire. It cannot be broken by the use of a jimmy, neither is it capable of being



Keeps out the burglar.

ing tampered with by means of a wire, string or knife. Even when the glass is cut and the burglar tries to manipulate the lock through the opening, he is helpless, as his arms act as a wedge between the sashes and prevent their movement. The sashes can be raised or lowered a few inches for ventilation, but even then they are safe from the burglar. When it is desired to raise the sash to its full height it is only necessary to pull out the spring bolt. It locks automatically and all danger of forgetting to fasten the windows before retiring is thus entirely obviated.

The Symbol of an Epoch.

The universal use of one and two dollar bills in the East always furnishes a detail of contrast to people from the West, where silver and gold are the rule, and paper currency almost unknown. On the East Side of New York even a fifty cent piece is looked upon with some distrust by newly arrived foreigners, who seldom see anything larger than a quarter in silver. Hand one out, and it is subjected to scrutiny as careful as a five dollar bill in the Rockies.

A New Yorker was receiving change from a Bowery barber, when the latter, after searching through his cash register for another bill to make up the amount apologized profusely.

"Any other day but Saturday I could give you paper," he explained, "but to-day there isn't any other way out of it. Everybody around here is clean out of change. I'll have to give you this Bryan."

And he handed out a silver dollar.

Due to Wooden Shoes.

The use of wooden shoes may explain why the exportation of boots, shoes and sole leather from the United States to France is comparatively small. There is, however, in addition to the peasant class using only wooden shoes, another smaller rural class wearing cheap leather shoes. The wooden shoes are made from walnut and birch, the latter being the cheap ones and retailing at 20 to 30 cents a pair. Entirely wooden shoes are carved out of a solid piece of wood. When the sole only is used the split leather uppers are fastened on with nails.

The Pope's residence at Rome, with its treasures, in money, is said to exceed \$150,000,000 in value.

A government expert estimates that the expenditure for advertising in 1905 was \$125,000,000.

Motor Cars in the Desert.

A number of motor cars have been sent to Khartoum to be tried in the desert. If they are found to be of value a large number will be sent there and used to carry people across the sands where camels are now employed.