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From the Beliefs of Watchman.] DENNISIAH, THE WITNESS.

"Twas Dennis Shay, the witness, Who stood upon the stand; A tall, green-looking mortal, Ne'er left old Ireland."

Then spoke Dennis, "Misther Lawyer, If I should ax the question, Who's been after makin' you?"

THE LITTLE GIRL WHO WOULDN'T EAT CRUSTS. The awfulest times that ever could be had...

TOM BALCH'S ADVENTURE. A STORY FOR THE BOYS. The spire of the church at Denton had been loosened during a great gale...

"I don't see why they left it," said one of them. "It seems strong enough."

"Anyhow I wouldn't like to trust myself on it." "Pooh!" said the first speaker.

Tom Balch was known throughout the village as a bold, rash boy, capable of almost any act of daring.

warm hearted; but his love of admiration was so strong and his rash daring so great that he had frequently periled his life for no other reason than to make himself notorious.

The village had but one street and the church was at one end of it. The villagers were all at work in their shops or on their farms...

Up this staging went rash Tom Balch. He ascended half way without perceiving any weakness in the structure...

He looked back for a moment, waved his hat triumphantly at his friends below, and then continued his foolish undertaking.

Tom now went on with reckless rapidity, surmounting ladder after ladder, and hurrying across the successive floorings at a rate which made the vibration of the staging very perceptible.

He thought this too trifling to call for special attention. It was nothing, he said to himself, more than would be produced on any staging by the tramp of a man walking upon its floorings...

But no sooner had he reached the ball than the vibrations ceased, and suddenly the boards on which he stood seemed to sink beneath him.

Others suggested a chain of ladders; but a little discussion brought out the fact that there were no ladders in the village long enough or strong enough for the purpose.

On questioning Tom the reply came that he was still free from either weakness or giddiness; and reassured by this, the captain began to carry out his plan of rescue.

The captain now fastened the string to the rope, and called on Tom to pull it up. Tom's position enabled him to hook his elbows round the iron rod, and thus have the use of both hands.

The hardest task of all remained; and this was to let himself down so that he might hang below the block.

As he joined his friends, a wild cheer arose; scores of hands grasped his in cordial greeting. This was because of the relief and joy felt at his escape from death.

YOUR WIFE'S MOTHER. There are people, I know, who are constantly hurling jokes at their mother-in-law and everybody else's mother-in-law...

"Yes," he called, "are you there?" His back was turned to them where he sat, so that he could not see them.

"Go and get help, quick!" was his cry. At this the boys all started on a full run for the village, and spread the news in all directions.

One man proposed shooting an arrow, with a string attached, which should fall over the weathercock; but this plan was dismissed, as no one in town was expert enough to send an arrow exactly over the spire.

"I'M ON THE JURY."

Up in Blossburg, the other day, a lightning-rod man drove up in front of a handsome edifice standing in the midst of trees and shrubs, and spoke to Mr. Summers, who was sitting on the steps in front.

"I see you have no lightning-rods on this house," "No," said Summers. "Are you going to put any on?"

"That's true," said Summers, "it would be better." "I'll put up another, shall I?" asked the man.

"Why, of course, if you think it's best," said Summers. Accordingly the man went to work again and soon had the rod in its place.

"That's a first-rate job," he said to Summers, as they both stood eyeing it. "I like such a man as you are. Big hearted, liberal, not afraid to put a dollar down for a good thing."

"You don't expect me to pay you, I hope?" "Of course I do. Didn't you tell me to put these rods on your house?"

A HORSE WITH A LONG MEMORY.—Many years ago, Mr. Abram Dodge, of the town of Ipswich, Massachusetts, owned a beautiful horse which was the pet of the family.

The other day, at a concert, a gentleman having put his hat upon a chair to keep his place, returned to claim it after a short absence.

THE SIAMESE TWINS.

A SKETCH OF THEIR LIVES—THE WIVES AND FAMILIES OF THE TWINS—THEIR DOMESTIC INFELICITY AND MEN-TAL CHARACTERISTICS.

The death of Chang and Eng, the Siamese Twins at Mount Holly, North Carolina, and the circumstances attending their lives, have already been furnished our readers.

Change and Eng were about sixty-two years of age, they having been born in the year 1811, in a little village on the coast of Siam.

Barnum got the twins in 1850, and for several years they were shown in his old museum. At that time they spoke English very imperfectly.

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So, although Chang and Eng were rich, they did not live happily. Mrs. Chang had the first child, and it was a deaf mute.

the spiritual change, and before the emancipation their slaves were the most civilized of any in the region.

UNION IN DEATH. The cause of their moroseness as they grew older is believed to have been the probability of the effect of separating them upon the other.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE CASE. To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette: The death of the Siamese twins has called forth, as might have been expected, several physiological comments of more or less interest.

AMMONIA AS A THERAPEUTIC AGENT.—A writer in the British Medical Journal states that in case of whooping-cough in the most stage—that is after the third week—he has had an ounce of the strongest liquid ammonia put into a gallon of boiling water.

IN PEELSHIRE, Scotland, there was a half-witted man who had a notion that he was rather religious, and who was in the habit of saying his prayers in the field before a turf-dyke.

A Heathen Home correspondent says linen that is placed immediately after being ironed near the stove or in the hot sun is stiffer when dry than if it is permitted to dry slowly.

A WEALTHY person lately gave the church which he attends two tables of stone, with the ten commandments engraved upon them; whereupon, a member of the church remarked that his reasons for giving away the commandments was that he couldn't keep them.