

THE DEAD ALIVE.

WIDOW'S VISIT TO A FAMILY VAULT—THE BODY SNATCHER'S SECRET.

Within the memory of many now living the recollection of a body-snatcher, pined as disgusting trade, and had for his clients the most learned and famous surgeons and physicians of the day.

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tooth, caused the pang which went through the frame of the evident victim of a trance and aroused her to consciousness. On the teeth, just below the ring, the marks of finger were distinctly visible for several days after Mrs. Bell's restoration.

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Bird's-eye View, John Wanamaker's Grand Depot, Thirteenth Street, PHILADELPHIA.

SPRING, 1878.

THE second year of the General Dry Goods Business at the Grand Depot is just opening. It is proper to say that what was deemed an experiment, the first year, experience proves to be a success, and we now propose to greatly improve on the first plans.

- 1-A uniform low price for everything throughout the House.
2-One price and no partiality.
3-Politeness and Patience to rich and poor.
4-Cash Returned if buyers return goods even though Dress Patterns in reasonable time and unimpaired.

A very large stock of all kinds of newest Dry Goods always on hand, arranged on one floor with plenty of light to see them. A thousand people can easily be waited on at one time.

Very respectfully, JOHN WANAMAKER, Thirteenth and Market Sts. PHILADELPHIA.

CAN THE DEAD WIN AT CARDS.—A very curious law case came recently before a German court, arising from the following circumstances: A gentleman sat at a table in the town of Koethen, in Saxony, playing with the usual attention and silence.

GOD AND THE ANGELS LOOK DOWN.—It was raining, and the streets were gloomy and uninviting. The procession was headed by an express wagon, in which sat a gray-haired old lady beneath an old umbrella, which partly sheltered her and the driver from the rain.

A GREAT PRINTING PRESS.—Hoe's perfecting and folding press seems to reach the very ultima of newspaper production. The recent improvement of the Hoe Company resulted in securing a rate of 23,000 copies an hour, but a still more important addition has been made to the machine, consisting of the combining with it a small folding mechanism of novel design.

SELF-WINDING LOCK.—A German has invented a self-winding clock in which the winding machinery is operated by the alternate expansion and contraction of glycerine, or other suitable liquid. A piston on the surface of the glycerine—is so connected with the wheels and toothed racks that motion in either direction will wind up the weight.

WHEN most men give their wives ten cents it looks as big as a trade dollar, and they are justly wiser.

The Old Portage Railroad.

AN INTERESTING PAGE OF LOCAL HISTORY.

The following which we find in one of our exchanges will recall very vividly to many of our readers the halcyon days of the old Portage Railroad, when Summitville, Jefferson, Summerhill, and several other villages in this county, were the centers of business activity and the scenes of many a joyful gathering.

On Monday evening of last week, in Philadelphia, before the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Mr. Solomon W. Roberts, Civil Engineer, read a paper entitled "Reminiscences of the Portage Railroad over the Allegheny Mountains." In the construction of which work Mr. Roberts was engaged.

The geographical position of Pennsylvania is peculiar and remarkable. Washed on its southeastern border by the Atlantic ocean, it is one of the distinguished features of the Allegheny River, and includes in Allegheny county the head of the Ohio river.

In the year 1827 the writer (Mr. Roberts) entered the service of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. He is a native of Philadelphia, and was educated at the Friends' Academy. He witnessed the construction of the Lehigh Canal (gravity) from Easton to the Lehigh river at Easton.

On the 21st of March, 1821, the law was passed authorizing the Board of Canal Commissioners to commence the construction of a canal from Easton to the Lehigh river at Easton.

There were eleven levels, small, or rather large, locks, and a total of 110 locks. The total length of the canal was 66.69 miles. The planes were constructed on each side of the mountain, with an average height of 200 feet, and their width varied from 12 to 18 feet.

Mr. Roberts gave many details of the work of construction and incidents attending the operations. The road was graded for a double track, and all the culverts and bridges were built of stone.

On the 29th of November, 1831, about two years and a half from the beginning of the work, the first car passed over the road, carrying a committee from Philadelphia representing the Board of Public Works.

as a public highway, the State furnishing the motive power on the inclined planes only.

Individuals and firms employed their own drivers with their own horses and cars. The cars were small, had four wheels, and each would carry about seven thousand pounds of freight.

The matter finally became so bad that, after much opposition, the Legislature passed an act allowing locomotives to be used on the road, and the first one was the Boston, constructed in the city of that name before the days of heavy locomotives to climb steep grades.

Michel Chevalier, the distinguished French engineer and political economist, visited the railway and gave a description of it in his book on the public works of the United States, which was published in Paris in 1840.

NOT A MARRYING GIRL.

A YOUNG LADY'S OBJECTIONS TO MATRIMONY—A CONTRAST BETWEEN LIFE BEFORE AND AFTER MARRIAGE.

They were seated together, side by side, on the sofa, in the most approved lounge fashion—his arm encircling her taper waist, &c.

"Lizzie," he said, "you must know how I love you." "Yes, Fred, you have certainly been very attentive," said Lizzie.

"Certainly I and Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Skinner have very good husbands, I believe." "So people say; but I wouldn't like to stand in either May's or Nell's shoes; that's all."

"Lizzie, you astonish me." "Look here, Fred; I've had over 25leigh rides this winter, thanks to you and my other gentlemen friends."

"I've had a little here, whether at the remembrance of that unpaid livery bill or the idea of giving my sister a horse-riding gentleman friend, I cannot positively answer."

"Now, Lizzie, you are going to the theatre occasionally, as well as to church or concert sometimes, and I like that. I proposed attending any such entertainments, but my husband couldn't afford it, and then to have him sneeze at a dog's age he'd confound to go with me anywhere in the evening, I shouldn't like to be left to pick my way along slippery paths, at the risk of breaking my neck, he walking along unconcernedly by my side."

A MAN, praising a piper, said it was so excellent a beverage that, though taken in large quantities, it always made him fat.