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THE NANTICOKE MINERS.

Possibility that the Twenty-Six Nanticoke Miners are Still Alive.

Wilkesbarre, Jan. 18.—The published story that one of the men employed in clearing up the workings at No. 1 slope at Nanticoke, where the 26 men are entombed, had seen a light behind the cave-in created much excitement and interest in this vicinity, but proved to be absolutely without foundation.

Nanticoke also had been greatly excited by the story of the light. The workings of the shaft and slope were again surrounded by large numbers of anxious inquirers, but the officials in charge said in the most emphatic manner that there was no truth whatever in the report. It is learned, however, that some important features had manifested themselves within the last day or two which seem to give some hope that some of the men may still be alive. The excavations have reached a point in the gangway where it is not blocked up to the roof and through this narrow passage between the debris and the roof a strong current of pure air has commenced flowing. Experienced miners are working day and night in relays driving towards their imprisoned comrades.

Every twenty-four hours the three shafts penetrate more than fifty feet of solidly packed quicksand and debris which fill the gangway following the fourth counter, and only about 600 feet intervene between the burrows and the roadway that leads to the fifth counter. If the force of the cave-in lies over this counter, as appears to be the case, there can be no possible hope of reaching any of the men alive. An impression is gaining ground, however, that the force of the collapse was thrown into the fourth counter, and if this be true it is just possible that some of the prisoners, provided they killed the mines they had with them, are yet alive. Nothing can determine the fate of the buried men, except the clearing out of the slope to the very foot of the cave in.

A WALKING SKELETON.

Mr. E. Springer, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., writes: "I was afflicted with lung fever and abscess on lungs, and reduced to a walking skeleton. Got a trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which did me more good than any other medicine I had ever used. After using three bottles I found myself once more a man, completely restored to health, with a hearty appetite, and a gain in flesh of forty-eight pounds. Call at J. Zeller & Son's drug store, Bellefonte, and get a free trial bottle of this certain cure for all lung diseases. Large bottles \$1.

THOUSANDS OF HOGS DYING.

Beloit, Wis., Jan. 19.—The hog plague which has prevailed in this locality this last season, and is still causing great loss, is probably the most distressing disease which has ever afflicted stock in this vicinity. Scores of hogs are dying every day, and it is estimated that forty 10,000 have died from the plague within a radius of 15 miles of this city. The best authority upon the matter does not name the disease to the general satisfaction of stock men, but are satisfied that the disease is measles and not cholera.

"Dozens of letters a day pour in upon Dr. David Kennedy, of Rondout, N. Y., from people who have been benefited by using his popular preparation called Kennedy's 'Favorite Remedy.' And they often illustrate what this remarkable medicine accomplishes in some new and hitherto untrodden field of operation. Not infrequently patients come long distances to grasp the Doctor by the hand and express their gratitude for deliverance from pain."—Troy, New York, Daily Times.

Jacob M. Miller, of Strasburg, Lancaster county, is dead, aged 85. He is one of the oldest wagoners living that drove teams from Pittsburg to Philadelphia, and claimed to be the first originator of the lock on wagons; also the first teamster that drove six horses, two abreast.

THOUSANDS SAY SO.

Mr. T. W. Atkins, of Girard, Kansas, writes: "I never hesitate to recommend your Electric Bitters to my customers; they give entire satisfaction and are rapid sellers." Electric Bitters are the purest and best medicine known, and will positively cure kidney and liver complaints, purify the blood and regulate the bowels. No family can afford to be without them. They will save hundreds of doctor's bills every year. Sold at 50¢ a bottle by J. Zeller & Son, Bellefonte.

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WOMAN AND HOME.

A PLEA FOR THE MUCH MISUNDERSTOOD STEP-MOTHER.

Physical Training for the Girls—Why the Baby Cries—Chronic Shoppers—Secret of Red Cheeks—Women in England—Odds and Ends.

To the imagination the stepmother stands out as some one coming between father and children, clouding the joys of home, introducing strictness and sternness where freedom reigned before. There is no necessity of this picture, yet we all see instances of it and justify it. Sometimes in a family all ardent and impulsive, the step-mother comes as a stoic of a religious rigorist, freezing all the innocent life around her, conscientiously attempting high ends by injudicious means, and unable to see why she fails in her effort. Sometimes, on the other hand, she comes to relax and demoralize with merely selfish and worldly thoughts a young household brought up to a high sense of nobleness and unselfishness. In any such case the father finds himself almost helpless; either he is under a glamour of admiration and sees nothing wrong; or, if he finds out his mistake, he is probably paralyzed by preoccupation, which takes him away from his home, and keeps him toiling for the bread of the family. After all, it is the mother, even if that relation be a substituted one, who is close to the children; she has hours with them while the father has minutes; and after he has once made his choice, change is impossible, even though the children suffer.

But are not these cases, after all, the exceptions? Looking at it merely from the children's side, it seems to me that in most cases this much-abused step-mother comes as a help and a gain. It is easy to see her errors and faults. The respectable gossip of the neighborhood may be safely relied upon for that service. But who can estimate the perils from which even she may have saved those children? Somebody, some woman, must care for them. It is often this alone that drives the despairing father into a second marriage to escape the irregular household and the alternate flatteries and cruelities of hired attendants. We see the mistakes of the step-mother; we do not see the worse contingencies from which she has saved those children. Many are the instances of happy boys who perhaps learned for the first time what a home and a fireside meant, upon the arrival of the new mistress of the mansion; of fortunate little girls who found all their stinging womanhood fostered and protected by the gracious kindness of one who was to them a mother in all but blood. I talked yesterday with an aged lady who can never keep down her tears at the mention of that angel of her youth, of whose will she never speaks but by the name of mother. I have heard of two grown daughters who on going to dwell with a step-mother carried with them their own mother's picture, and hung it with its face to the wall in their chamber, that the intruder might never see it; then within a few weeks they led her into the room and turned it round, that she might look at it with them, telling her their own sweetness had conquered L.—Harper's Bazar.

Reasons Why the Baby Cries.

The young bachelor who volunteered an opinion as to the reason for a baby's smile, and the summary justice which he received at the hands of the baby's nurse, are well known, but why the baby cries is a matter as to which few men have any curiosity, provided it is not too late to have an engagement down town when the concert begins. The "Mother's Manual of Children's Diseases" explains the matter thus: "Cries are the only language which a young baby has to express its distress. It smiles and laughs and merry antics tell without a word its gladness. The baby must be ill, in all that it cries tell one parent or another, who has seen much of sick children, will gather from them more, and will be able to judge whether its suffering is in the head, or chest, or stomach. The cries of a baby with the stern ache are long and loud and passionate; it sheds a profusion of tears; now stops for a moment, and then begins again, drawing up its legs to its forehead, and, as the pain passes off stretches them out again, and with many little sobs passes off into a quiet sleep. If it has inflammation of the chest, it does not cry aloud, it sheds no tears, but every few minutes, especially after drawing a deeper breath than before, after each short, hacking cough it gives a little cry, which it checks apparently before it is half finished, and this, either because it has no breath to waste in cries, or because the effort makes its breathing more painful. If disease is going on in the head the child utters sharp, piercing shrieks, and then bawls while a low moan or wail, or perhaps no sound at all, but less quiet, apparently doing, till pain wakes it up again."

The Craze of Chronic Shopping.

"Don't tell me that such a condition of things is normal," said the strong-minded lady as a group of ladies more energetic and chattering with more volubility than any she had previously seen passed before the window. "I tell you it is nothing of the kind. Those creatures there are for the time being puppets, dolls, or anything you like. Women I decline to call them. Look at them rushing madly into the stores as though their lives depended upon the act. What do they want? Intellectualty to entertain their husbands? Funds of information to amuse their fathers? Attractive little devices to keep their brothers at home? No. Six cents' worth of ribbon to catch a bonnet, half a yard of plush to cover a hat designed to excel one they have previously seen, or some material from which to make a dress for summer, though summer isn't nearly here. Pah! The strong-minded lady viciously drained her cup of chocolate, ordered another in stentorian tones, and turned to her youthful companion with renewed vigor. "A shopping woman," she said, is an abnormal condition of womanhood induced by the absurdly rapid civilization of the times. I have for the past six years studied the phenomenon of shopping, and I may say, as the result of my studies, that the chronic shopper is afflicted with a species of insanity. She can not help herself. She is determined to shop, come what may. It is as much a part of her daily work as eating or drinking."—New York Times.

How Reddy Cheeks Are Secured.

The fashionable edict has gone forth that it is the proper thing to look healthy and robust. The day of the confirmed invalid, the "delicate flower," and all that sort of thing, is passed, and now our belles are striving to see who can look the hardest. The daughter of a distinguished naval officer has been one of the leaders of the "healthy craze," and is now, for that matter, her plump, well-rounded figure and swinging gait can be seen on Pennsylvania avenue nearly every afternoon, rain or shine, and she has the ruddiest pair of cheeks in Washington. She looks the perfect picture of health, but some of her sharp sisters have been tracking up the secret offhanded her pale complexion disappeared so suddenly.

Excess of Women in England.

Are you aware, my dear, of the appalling fact that there are 948,000 more women than men in Great Britain? At least, there was this very disparity in numbers at the last census, and I don't suppose that the disproportion has decreased since then. In fact, it seems that it is likely to become greater and greater, for more girls are born than boys, and men do not, as a rule, live so long as women. This immense fact means, perhaps, very little to married women, unless they are mothers of a large and expensive family of daughters; but to the unappropriated among us it is fraught with the direst meaning. We are all taught from our nursery days upward to look forward to the time when we shall be married "and live happily forever after." Do not all the nursery stories and fairy tales end with wedding-bells!

Physical Training of Young Ladies.

"The only way to properly exercise," said the proprietor of a school for physical culture, "is to do it systematically, and we have a regular course arranged for this purpose. First, we take a measurement of the different parts of the body. Then we generally start off with chest exercise, then the limbs. Some ladies have a medical examination to ascertain if they are in sound condition, or to learn if there are any weak spots in their body that should have extra exercise, particularly regarding the heart and lungs. If any weak spots are found these are strengthened first. From experience we find that as a rule the chief defects in the constitutions of the young women of the present day are weakness of the back and neck, and next the arms. Their preferences here are for chest-developing exercise, and they seem to detest most that which develops the waist—they don't want large waists."

It appears, as they say, that the young lady called in the services of an old sailor who had known her ever since she was a "wee bit of a thing." He told him that she was miserable because she never could have any color in her face. She asked him to tattoo her cheeks a delicate shade of red, and although the operation was quite painful, she stood it bravely, and the consequence is that she will have a red face even after death. It is said that several society belles contemplate undergoing the same course of treatment.—Washington Cor. Boston Traveler.

And I suppose that it is natural for a woman to like to have a home of her own and a husband and children. There are women who would despise us for making such a confession; but do you not think with me that an unshared life seems incomplete? Well, dear, in the face of all this our dear friends figure out the female overplus of 948,000. It is therefore quite apparent that several hundred thousand of us must remain single, and we may as well look the matter straight in the face, and while we hope for the best, prepare for the worst. Marriage to the great majority of women means provision. For every girl should be provided for herself. No every girl should bring her in sufficient for her maintenance. Fathers ought to see that their daughters are as carefully trained with a view to self-support as their sons are.—"Gull Gossip" in London Truth.

"I do not keep any, for the pupils do not like the idea of having it talked about. But I can give you several. One young lady who was exercising here became so strong that she lifted on the health-lift 700 pounds. Another who took to vaulting, who was only 19 years old, vaulted five feet. This was a splendid leap for a woman. Last year a young girl began exercising when she was 12 years old. She began here because she was threatened with curvature of the spine. In six months she grew three inches in height, and her chest girth was increased in its expansion four inches. This was remarkable when you take into consideration that the average chest expansion is only about two inches. A young woman who was paralyzed through her right arm and leg, and who had been unable to write or telegraph, began exercising a short time ago and is now quite well and strong. Special work for every muscle on the surface of the body is the only sure way of successful exercising."—New York Mail and Express.

A Feature That Ought to Go.

The particular form of church fair abuse which has attracted Mr. Moody's attention is the custom of setting up a pretty young lady in the midst of the fair paraphernalia and allowing her to be kissed, at 25 cents a kiss, by any and all comers. Of course the people who come to a church fair are supposed in theory to be respectable and other-words unobjectionable from a kisser's point of view, but in fact there is no guarantee, and no way of getting or enforcing a guarantee, of anything of the kind. It is not easy to understand how a refined young lady could submit to become every-body's sweetheart, even at a fair for the benefit of the church, without more or less conscious degradation, and, no matter how benevolent the motive of her submission to the process, those who patronize the kissing stand are very likely to entertain somewhat less respect for her forever afterward.—Philadelphia Times.

The Melting Point of Lard.

Mr. A. Percy Smith, of Rugby, in a letter says: "The melting point of lard—112 degrees Fahrenheit—is of the highest importance when it is used for making paper. The quality of the crust materially depends upon it. In the hands of a good cook pure lard furnishes a puff paste an inch or more in thickness, while lard of 95 degrees melting point yields a tough, hard crust unbreakable by a spoon. I have purposely had experiments made under my supervision with lards of various melting points, and the rise in the crust was exactly proportioned with the rise of the melting point of the lard employed. It is a noticeable fact that pure lard always solidifies with a crinkled surface, while shop lard is perfectly smooth."—Cor. Chronicle-News.

Gymnastic Exercises of Dutch Girls.

A Boston newspaper man wandering about Amsterdam found a pleasure garden where the chief feature of amusement was gymnastic exercises by a company of young women found that it was a common thing for the Dutch girls to make hand-stand leaps from a spring-board, go hand-over-hand up ropes and ladders, and execute other feats usually deemed the special accomplishment of robust youth of the other sex.—Chicago Herald.

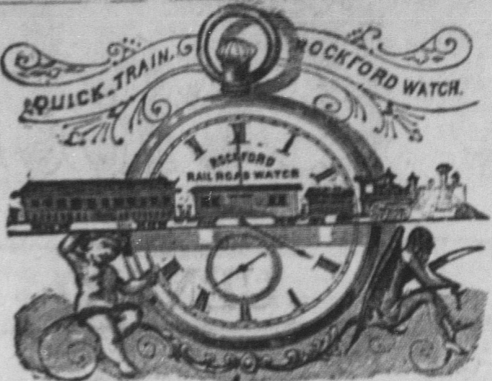
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