A HERO AND HEROINE.

He was a grim old fellow, As stern as a man could be, Who did odd jobs for a living; A washerwoman was she-A shabby, forlorn old couple As ever the world has seen; Yet he was a noble hero, And she was a heroine.

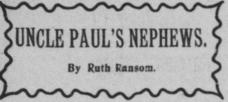
He fought with the largest army That ever marched out to war. In the world-famed "Battle of Dollars and Cents,"

To keep the wolf from the door: Ghe ruled o'er a growing kingdom, Nine riotous girls and boys, And faithfully bore the burdens Of a sovereign's cares and joys.

And when, at last, they were vanquished,

This queen and her soldier brave, They patiently started adown the hill Which leads to a pauper's grave-A shabby, forlorn old couple

As ever the world has seen; Yet he was a noble hero, And she was a heroine.



One stormy winter twilight at a solitary little Gothic gabled railroad station, four passengers alighted, as the train made its momentary pause-a stout, elderly man, in black, with his stout, elderly wife; a tall, stooping young man, with eye-glasses, and a book under his arm; and an erect, grizzle-headed personage, in an ancient butternut-colored coat and a mangy fur cap.

"Eh-what?" crustily demanded this gentleman, as the driver of the onehorse team-who had come down in the forlorn hope of turning an honest penny out of somebody-proffered his services. "Ride! What should I ride for? Haven't I got a pair of legs of my own?"

"Why-yes-sir," said Jethro Camman, slowly surveying the sturdy limbs, "I s'pose you have. Most folks have, unless they've been so unfortunate as to meet with an accident. But it's comin' on for a good old-fashioned unow-storm."

"Let it snow !- let it snow !" briskly interrupted Mr. Paul Copperfield. "I ain't afeard of snow! And I guess I'm every ways able to find my own way!"

So saying, he pulled the brim of the fur cap an inch or two more over his eyes, and set off up the hill.

Jethro Camman got into his carry-all and drove away, for he knew that Squire Topliff and wife would sooner walk ten miles than pay ten cents, and was likewise well aware that Percival

Clear out!" said Simon, gruffly, And the door was shut unceremoniously in the traveler's face. Old Paul smiled sardonically to himself in the storm and darkness.

"I'll try my luck a little further," said he, half aloud. "My nephew Simon evidently doesn't believe in the scripture theory of entertaining angels unawares. Well, well-it's but a step or two further on; and that's lucky for me. My old bones ache and my head feels dizzy-like. Let us see now what Herman will say to the old wayfaring man? This must be the house, where the light shines out so cheerily

through the red curtains." And once more Paul Copperfield knocked on the panels of the door upon whose sill the snow had already spread a mantle of ermine.

A pretty blue-eyed girl came to open it, with a candle in one hand.

"What's wanting?" she inquired, briskly, but not unkindly.

"Can I come in and warm myself?" asked the stranger. "It's a bleak night and I've somehow missed my way." "Yes, yes! tell him to come in, Phoebe!" called out a voice that was like Paul Copperfield's own, a score of years younger and fresher, and Paul obeyed the summons.

at was a smaller and less pretentious abode than the other. Where a brighthued rag carpet had adorned the floor of Simon Copperfield's kitchen, there were only whitely-scoured boards to be seen here, and the supper-table bore marks of extreme economy. But Herman Copperfield rose up with a cheery, welcoming face, and his apple-faced wife drew forward a cushioned wooden rocker.

"Take this seat by the fire, sir," said she; "we're just sitting down to supper. I'll get you a bowl of hot tea directly. Phoebe, take the gentleman's cap, and put another log of wood on the fire.'

"Bad night, sir," said Herman, drawing nearer to the blaze. "Have you come some ways?"

"Quite a distance," said Paul, averting his face from the curious gaze; 'and I've missed my road somehow. Perhaps you can let me stay all night?" "Well," said Herman, reflectively, 'we was expectin' a relative from abroad, but he hain't put in an appearance, and till he comes you're kindly welcome to his room. Eh, wife?"

"Certainly," said Mrs. Copperfield, brightly. "It ain't much of a place, but it's the best we've got, and our Phoebe has been to work all the fall. plecing a bed quilt, all of the 'Job's Troubles Pattern,' to make her old uncle comfortable. We hain't seen him, sir, for forty years."

"You don't tell me so!" said Paul, huskily.

"Yes, sir. That's right, mother; the hot tea'll warm him up; and tell Phoebe to set on a plate of her sugared doughtnuts. And although it's likely he'll spend most of his time at my brother Simon's, as is richer and more forehanded in the world, we think a

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Matanzas mule is eclipsed. According to British advices the bombardment of Kimberly smashed "one cooking pot."

It has been judicially decided in Oregon that in an emergency case a physician may drive across a bridge

at a speed greater than that permitted to ordinary traffic. A jury in Chicago has just awarded \$12,500 to a woman injured by a street

ear prematurely starting while she least, haste made waste. After the convict has served out his

term in the Maine Pententiary, and has dooned the suit of clothes given him by the State, he is required to sit for his photograph, and it is kept for future reference.

Mississippi is without a Bureau of Statistics or any board of the kind, and consequently the State officers are much hampered in their efforts to give adequate replies to persons having to settle or make investments in the State,

Premier Seddon of New Zealand, worried by the unemployed and the decreasing birth rate, has announced that if any man out of employment will bind himself to marry inside of six months he (the Premier) will find him immediate work.

The question whether the ancient gyptians made porcelain seems to have been settled at last. Specimens heretofore found were pronounced of Chinese origin by experts, but a fragment of a statuette recently found near Memphis is declared to be real Egyptian by Chatelier.

The New York magician who was killed in his bullet-catching performance, because the gun fired was really loaded, fell a victim to the fatal mistake which all men of his profession make sooner or later through carelessness or a failure of memory.

The transport Hancock has a record equal to any ship afloat. As the Arizona she was in her day one of the fleetest of the greyhounds of the Atlantic. In an emergency she proved capable of being quickly converted into a powerful cruiser. Now as the re-constructed transport Hancock she is believed to be the best troopship in the world.

Conduits are gaining a footing in Europe through the ingenuity and perseverance of Yankee versatility combined with American capital. Sooner or later, not only conduits to be at least a convenience. A curious case was lately decided by the Supreme Court of Germany. A Jewish merchant at the funeral of his mother threw a quantity of earth [lived, striven: we shall see you no gloomy caves, dredge the bottom of more." For this expression he was arrested for blasphemy, on the charge our spectroscopes at heavenly boules, that he had denied belief in the future rummage earth, air and waters for life. But the court did not take this specimens and fossils, climb mounview, and he was acquitted. The Chicago City Council has passed an ordinance which provides shall soar to Mars. If the way be for the establishment of a board of found to do it, we shall go miles down into the bowels of the earth, examining engineers, who will pass regardless of dangers, for the purpose upon the qualifications of all appliof dissipating our ignorance as to cants for a license to run an elevator. Prior to this action it was shown that what actually exists there. And most elevator accidents were due to every part of the surface of this incompetency on the part of the op- sphere, including the North Pole and the millions of square miles of now erator. unexplored and unknown territory

force of the machine. For the beginning of it E. C. Schwarzkopf of the Automobile Club s responsible. In order to distinguish the automobile

from the horse-drawn vehicle he calls the latter a hippo-mobile. This has been promptly seized upon by a number, and a few of the cyclists among them agree that the bicycle and tricycle is, therefore, a homo-mobile.

The Boston Herald says: "A man was brought into the Springfield police court the other day charged with neglecting to support his wife,

He pleaded guilty and was fined \$20. was getting off. In this instance, at Thereupon his neglected wife stepped up to the clerk's desk and paid the fine, which was promptly refunded to her, under the provision of the law

relative to non-support cases, which provides for the payment of the amount of the fine imposed on the husband to the wife when the Court so directs. The law appears to be based on the right principle, but it operates queerly sometimes, as in this

case."

The attention of the Audubon Society has been called to the practice of blinding finches to make them sing, and this modern cruelty has been brought to the attention of the Minister of the Interior of Belgium, where the practice is most common. He has sent out a warning and has asked that a law be enacted forbidding this inhuman practice. This extra-ordinary cruelty has been in vogue, it seems, for years, Finches naturally sing, but it is said that their singing is greatly improved by blinding them. It has been the practice, therefore, to have singing matches between blinded birds and those that

could see, as well as between blind singers. The best singers were, of course. more valuable, and hence the hideous practice.

Thirty years ago the Florida orange was still unborn. During that period hundreds of varieties have been evolved on Florida soil, purely the result of intelligent American activity. A hundred of these at least have superior merit. In grapes we have developed in less than a century from

a few wild American species, originally sour or musky, an almost endless series of delicious products. In a somewhat longer period we have given American apples a world-wide reputation, developing from a tree of Old World origin at least three thousand well established varieties. American strawberries are unmatched in Europe and we are fast following with the blackberry, the dewb rry, and the red plum.

One of the glories of our race is that we want and try to know everything that is to be known, in this will be the rule in the chief cities of world or out of it, observes Walter Europe, but even elevators in office Wellman, the artic explorer, in the and business buildings may be found New York Independent. For knowledge, even for the scraps which fill a defective sidewalk. The accident occurred on the evening of November 3, and since that in and confirm, we will go up in the time he has been unable to be about. Aside air in balloons, send almost human from this, the accident caused the postponeinstruments up in kites, delve deep ment of his wedding, which was to have ocinto the earth, dig up bodily the curred in Easton on the Saturday following buried cities of encient times, stir the the mishap. upon the coffin and said, "You have bones of men and animals rotting in Fell Fifty Feet from Bridge.

Wealth in the Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes have become the

our most productive mines, and it is

of \$200,000,000, while American shipe

moved some 168,000,000 tons through

the same waters for the same length

KEYSTONE STATE.

LATEST NEWS GLEANED FROM VARI-OUS PARTS.

WILLIAMSPORT TRAGEDY.

Murdered Mother and Children-The Stepfather Disappears-Bodies Under a Straw Stack-Company Stores Will be Discontin.ied by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company.

The murder of a woman and her three children was revealed on a farm near Montgomery Borough, Lycoming county. The bodies of two children were first found hidden beneath a straw stack. Thereupon a warrant was issued for the arrest of Abram Hummel, a stepfather of the murdered children, who is missing. Three weeks ago Rummel married Mrs. Yeagle, a widow, who had three children. A few days later the neighbors noticed that the eldest two children were missing, and on Tuesday the Hummel premises were deserted. A party of neighbors made a search. They found a blood-smeared piece of burlap near the barn. Disarranged straw attracted their attention to the stack, and under this the bodies of the two children with their heads crushed were found. The bodies look as though the children had been dead for two weeks. A telegram to District Attorney O. G. Kaupp states that the bodies of Mrs. Hummel and her other child were found in an outbuilding. The dead were horribly mutilated, the murderer evidently having used a club in carrying out his fiendish crime. Montgomery and vicinity was in a state of utmost excitement as a result of the ghastly discoveries. It is believed that Hummel has made good his escape. No motive for the quadruple murder has yet been found. The crime is without a parallel in the history of Lycoming county.

No More Company Stores.

On December 1, it was announced, the Lehigh Vailey Coal Company will cut loose from the "company store" business in the Lehigh region. In this district there are three stores where the employees of the Lehigh Valley had their orders honored, Jeanesville, Yorktown and Hazleton. Of course these stores will continue to solicit the miners' trade, but on a different basis The bills will not be deducted from the Le high Valley pay roll, and the employees of the company will be free to deal where they like. It is said that the company will also adopt the same policy in the Schuylkill and Northumberland districts.

Blow Caused Death.

John J., alias "Pat" Sheehan, victim of a fight in Altoona, died of his injuries without recovering consciousness after he had been picked up by the police. Before becoming unconscious he told several parties that Dash Jury had struck him on the head with a neck yoke. Jury and John Hall, who were implicated in the fight, were committed to jail without bail for a hearing. James English is held as a witness. District Attorney Hicks will prefer charges of murder against Jury and possibly Hall. Sheehan was 27 years of

Fall Delayed Wedding.

Michael J. Cannon, of Easton, a traveling salesman, has brought suit against Williams port for \$2,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by him by failing on

so good for a cough as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. The 25 cent size is just right for an ordinary, everyday cold. The 50 cent size is better for the cough of bronchitis, croup, grip, and hoarseness. The dollar size

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Whole Truth!

There's nothing

so bad for a cough

There's nothing

as coughing.

Feeding the Elephants.

is the best for chronic coughs,

as in consumption, chronic bron-

chitis, asthma, etc.

Elephants in the Indian army are fee twice a day. When mealtime arrives they are drawn up in line before a row of piles of food. Each animal's breakfast includes ten pounds of raw rice. done up in five two-pound packages The rice is wrapped in leaves and tied with grass. At the command, "Attention!" each elephant raises its trunk. and a package is thrown into its capacious mouth. By this method of feeding not a single grain of rice is wasted.

ag of Greece, now in Paris. visit his sister, the Princess of Wales, before going home.

Pipford, the theological student, had theories on the subject of physical ex- again." ercise that precluded all ideas of horsehire.

"Humph! humph!" grunted old Mr. Copperfield to himself, as he trudged up the hill, whose steepness nearly took away his breath, "how one's life is made up of contrasts! Regular mosaic pattern, as they say in Florence! Here am I, after twenty years in China and ten in Europe, back again among the very old huckleberry pastures and stone walls I used to know as a ragged, barefooted boy! It's surprising how little things have changed! I'm the only one that is changed-worse luck! I. 'Sally, there shan't no one be turn-Thirty years! I'd give all the gold I've made-yes, and welcome-to be the bartfooted boy once more bringing the poor; but I'll risk that and so will three red cows home at night, with nothing in his pocket but holes! I was rich then-rich in a thousand things that have melted away from me since like morning mists in the sunshine-Faith, Hope, Charity, and all the better part of one's life! Heighowas that a flake of snow?'

Slow and soft, the floating flakes began to cloud the air, and the winter night was settling down over the bleak landscape in earnest.

field, plodding on. "There's a warm cle Paul's lease of life ought to be as welcome waiting for me, if I may trust good as Simon's. He's only 61 years my nephew's letters. There's-let me old." see, do I turn off here? or ought I to go on to the next cross roads? Things have changed so just hereabouts, the old stone mill gone, the finger post day. taken down-nothing as it used to be. Well, I'll risk it. Whew! how fast it assembled household. snows! I believe it's settling down for a northeaster."

As the old man stood, puzzled and undecided, light streamed from a farm house window across the bleak fields.

"I'll go there and inquire," said old Copperfield. "It can't be far, anyhow, and both the boys live night together somewhere."

Climbing over the stone wall, not quite as briskly as he used to do fifty years ago, Paul Copperfield hurried across the fields to the house and rapped on the door. It swung open on creaking ninges, revealing an interior of ruddy candlelight and blazing logs.

"Who is it, Simon?" squeaked a shrewish female voice. "Tell him to go about his business! We've got nothing for tramps!"

Simon Copperfield, a sharp nosed, scant whiskered individual, hesitated, with his hand on the door. Old Paul eyed him keenly beneath night in December.

the brim of the mangy fur cap, and said:

only a night's lodging "

"And our best bed room all made up for Uncle Paul!" shrilly uttered the ously while the wagons are in service. woman by the fire. "A pretty notion which may be between sunset and sunthat would be! Simon, why don't you rise. shut the door? Go about your business, man! We don't keep tavern, me and my husband!" "Don't you hear what my wife says? Church.

sight of seein' the old man once "Does he live up the road, this broth-

er of yours?" said the traveler. "I asked for admission there, and they turned me from the door."

"Just like Simon!" said the sturdy farmer, bringing his hand down on the table with an emphasis that made the cups and spoons rattle. "He always did squeeze a sixpence till it squealed. He wouldn't give a crust of bread to nobody, not if they was a-dyin' before his face! Now me and Sally set out in life different. When first I hung the door on its hinges, says ed from this door,' and there never has. Simon says that's what's kept us Sally."

"But your uncle? Is he a poor man?" persisted Paul

"Well, folks do say he's got a considerable o' property. I don't grudge it to him, He's worked for it, and I hope he'll live long to enjoy it. Simon's different now. He's calculatin' a'ready how soon he'll fall heir to it. It's money, money, with Simon! I don't believe he'll have comfort in heaven, if there ain't savings banks self made no more important con-"I don't care!" said old Paul Copper- and compound interest there! And Un-

> "You're wrong there, Herman." said old Paul. "I am sixty-three this comin' March, if I live to see the thirteenth

And he looked beamingly around the

"Why," began Herman, "it ain't possible you're my Uncle Paul?"

"No one else!" said the old man. laughing. "Come and kiss me, Phoebe, and then you shall show me the 'Job's Troubles' bed quilt. It does a lonely old man good to know that somebody's been a-thinkin' of him."

The great fire of logs blazed up with sudden cheery lustre, but its light was nothing to that in the faces of the family group and their unexpected guest.

"I'll go over and fetch Simon," began Herman, starting up and grasping his hat.

"No, you needn't," said Uncle Paul. "I have seen quite enough of Simon."

Thus the rich old exile came home to his kindred, and thus he was received. And Mr. Simon Copperfield's hopes of an inheritance are considerably diminished since that stormy

Hereafter bells that can be heard a "I am a poor traveler, friend; I ask distance of 500 feet must be attached to all scavenger wagons in Chicago, and those bells must be rung continu-

> A barometer thirty-six feet long has been placed on the tower of a Paris

The death of Ottmar Mergenthaler which surrounds it, will be Lrought inventor of the "linotype" machine within human ken. for setting type, removes a man whose genius worked a greater revolution in the printing business than did the inventor of the web perfecting printing press. In fact, Gutenberg him- great artery of our richest commercial blood. One-third of the population of tribution to the "art preservative of the United States is dependent on these all arts" when he invented, or put lakes for their export and import trade. into practical use, the movabia types This waterway taps the richest and in the fifteenth century. most prosperous agricultural territory

There is no question that the Holland submarine torpedo boat will worth while noting that within a rarevolutionize harbor defence, if it can dius of 400 miles of Cleveland lies be successfully handled. And there one-half the population of the United is very little question that the recent trial under the supervision of the that deep water transportation is, and Naval Board of Inspection and Survey was measurably successful and full of promise for future achievements. The government will undoubtedly order the construction of some of these boats, and continue the one-quarter the average cost of transexperiments and perfect the plans, much more readily than can the inventor, whose private means are not able to maintain the costly enterprise.

It is said that an eccentric undertaker in California advertises that "children will receive as careful attention as grown people," and as a catch phrase he uses, "You'll be glad you're dead if I bury you," which seems a questionable compliment. This, however, is not much worse than the New York doctor who advertises, "Come to me before life is extinct." Another instance of modern advertising is the following placard which is hung outside of the entrance to a Methodist church in Northern Iowa every Sunday night during the regular services: "Souls saved while locks of this "Soo" canal, for less than you wait-step in,"

than twice as much in actual tonnage With the introduction of motocycles as passes through the Suez canal durand motor carriages the terms "bicying an entire year .- Ainslee's. "bike" and "wheel" are threatened to be abolished in a new classification that is, coming into vogue for Oregon newspapers want a law the purpose of indicating the motive gainst "salting" mines.

the sea, level our telescopes and fix While William Thomas, aged 26 years, was our spectroscopes at heavenly bodies, walking over the Electric Raliway Bridge, which spans the Lehigh Valley tracks, at Shenandoah, he stumbled and fell to the tracks below, a distance of fifty feet, breaktains and descend into reeking craing his left arm, crushing in his side and ters. When the needful machines otherwise injuring himself. His injuries are are invented, if they ever are, we believed to be fatal.

Plush Mill at Hazleton.

The Hazleton Board of Trade purchased 45,000 square feet of land on which the Hazleton Plush, Velvet & Silk Manufacturing Co, will crect a large mill. It will be one of the largest plush plants in America and will give employment to nearly 1000 hands.

Train Kills Aged Man. Bernard Carvill, aged 83 years, of New Castle, was killed by a Pennsylvania passen ger train. The safety gates were lowered, but he failed to observe them and walked directly in front of the locomotive. He leaves an estate worth \$200,000.

News in Brief.

A deed was recorded at Media covering the transfer of the property of the Berwyn Water Company to the North Springfield Water Company. George Horn, of Emaus, made an attempt on this continent of ours, together with to end his life by swallowing a dose of poison. A physician administered an emetic and

saved his life. James Horgan, an Irish laborer, made two desperate but unsuccessful attempts to end his life, at Cornwall Station, by throwing States. It is a well established fact himself on the railroad in front of a passenger train.

necessarily must be, far below the cost Jesse Clifford, of Johnstown, has been lost of transportation by rail; indeed, it is in the fastness of the Laurel Hill Mountains. computed that the cost of water transabove Laughlinstown, and a searching party portation by steam, when the voyage is endeavoring to find traces of him.

The finishing department of the F. J. Richis of any considerable length, is about ards Manufacturing Company, of Bloomsburg, caught fire and was totally destroyed, portation by rail, while by sailooat it together with contents. The loss will amount is only one-eighth of the latter. As to about \$3,000, partially covered by insurthis question of transportation deterance.

mines to a great extent the existence Judge Dunham, at Towanda, sentenced or the non-existence of a possible in-Samuel Heeman to a term of five years in dustry, and enhances or diminishes the Eastern Penitentiary, and to pay a fine the value of every article of export of \$500, for killing Jacob Capwell, on May in proportion to its efficiency and econ-20 last. Heeman was convicted of voluntary omy, the battle cry of the West for manslaughter.

"twenty feet of water between Duluth The Board of Health is taking measures to prevent the spread of scarlet fever which and the sea" is no great problem to threatens to become epidemic in Altoona. account for. In the year 1898 there The East End and Pottsgrove schools, in passed through the Sault Ste, Marie suburbs, have been closed on account of the canal no less than 21,234,664 tons of disease. Canadian freight, alone having a value

Sorry She Refused Him.

"Don't bother, Henry, because I won't marry you," said she. "There eight months, is five times as great in are just as good fish in the sea as ever number of vessels and slightly less were caught."

"Better," said he, shortly, as he rose to depart, and for once she wished she had consented to marry him so that she might make him suffer for his horrid remark .-- Harper's Bazar.



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