

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1908.

TERMS.—The terms of subscription to the Reporter are one dollar per year in advance.
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CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.
Reformed—Union, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening, Christmas service; Spring Mills, evening, Christmas service.
Lutheran—Tusseyville, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon; Centre Hall, no service. Please note that this is a change from the regular schedule.
Presbyterian—Centre Hall, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon.
Revival services in Zion Evangelical church Tusseyville, beginning Tuesday night, 29. All are invited to attend.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the estate of Michael J. Beckler, late of Potter Township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned they would respectfully request any persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.
F. W. and J. L. DECKER, Executors,
Centre Hall, Pa.

FOR SALE.—A sorrel driving horse. Perfectly safe, and fearless of steam and automobiles. Good reason for selling.
M. BURKHOLDER,
Centre Hall.

POTATOES.—The undersigned offers for sale potatoes in large or small lots. S. W. SMITH, Centre Hall, Pa.

FOR SALE.—Two stock bulls, one year old. Apply to J. C. GOODHART, Centre Hall, Pa.

FARM FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers for sale the farm known as the Hofer farm, on top of Nittany Mountain, along the Bellefonte turnpike, between Centre Hall and Pleasant Gap, containing
TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ACRES
150 ACRES ARE CLEAR.

There are erected on the farm a good frame house, bank barn and all necessary outbuildings, all in reasonably good repair. Never failing spring of water convenient to house and barn. This farm is well adapted for stock growing, there being water in almost every field on the farm. The soil produces all the staple crops grown in this latitude.
The uncultivated land is well set with chestnut and other young timber, and a part of it has marketable lumber on it.
For further particulars apply to
F. H. DALE,
Centre Hall, Pa.

SALE REGISTER.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 10 o'clock, by John R. Strong, at Potters Mills: Lot of household goods and numerous articles.
SATURDAY, MARCH 6, one o'clock, at Tusseyville: Personal property of Julia Ishler.
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, Philip C. Frank, near Centre Hall: Farm stock and implements.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, nine o'clock, by Nicodemus Luse, on W. H. Meyer farm, one mile south east of Centre Hall: Seven horses, 40 head horn cattle, 32 sheep, 40 hogs; farm implements, all as good as new.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 12 o'clock, Julia A. Fye, admr., on Pierce Vonada farm, one-half mile north of Penna Cave: Horses, cows, full line farm implements, chickens, etc. H. H. Miller, auctioneer.
MONDAY, MARCH 15, Bitter & Harter, three miles west of Old Fort: Horses, cows, young cattle, hogs, and full line of farm implements.
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, near Penna Cave, by H. D. Rosman: Farm stock, implements and household goods.
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 10 a. m., 2 1/2 miles east of Centre Hall, by G. F. Emerick: Full line farm implements, horses and live stock.
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 12 o'clock, at Centre Hall, by John C. Bible & Son: Farm stock and implements. H. H. Miller, auctioneer.

GRAIN MARKET.
Wheat 70
Corn 60
Barley 50
Oats 50

PRODUCE AT STORES.
Lard 99
Butter 28
Potatoes 63
Eggs 22

LOCALS.
Our Christmas goods are new and well selected. C. P. Long's.
Rev. W. G. Finney, of Orblonia, on his way to his home in Williamsport, stopped with Dr. W. H. Schuyler and family for a day.
Miss M. Eloise Schuyler is expected home this (Thursday) evening from Cape May, New Jersey, where she is teaching in the public schools.
Grandmother Jane Harper, after spending a week or more with her son J. C. Harper, in Bellefonte, is at home again with her daughter, Mrs. George H. Emerick.
L. J. Burris, of near Centre Hall, brought to the Reporter office a nice lot of choice apples that were very much enjoyed by the force on duty. They were fine in quality and appearance.
Samuel Weber, of New York, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Weber, in this place, where his wife and baby have been staying for several months. Mr. Weber will remain here during the holidays.
The Howard Creamery Corporation had difficulty in securing a sufficient number of turkeys to supply the demands of their many customers. They buy poultry and eggs at all times, and it would be well to always consult them before selling.
Centre Hall has one thing to congratulate itself on, and it is that little or no thieving has been carried on within its limits for a year or more. This is a condition that has not been experienced for thirty years, for during that time thieves had piled their profession to such an extent that it became intolerable, and finally the climax came. What another year may bring nobody knows, but no one is hankering for the return of the days when locks and bars went at a premium.

License Court.
In giving a report of the license court the Daily News says:
The annual license court was held Saturday morning at ten o'clock, with Judge Orvis presiding. The petitions were presented in due form by the different attorneys. There was one new application, that of E. E. Beales, who desires to open a hotel at Julian. Remonstrances were filed against Beales' application by some of the citizens of Julian. There were also remonstrances filed against James Runkle's hotel at Centre Hall. Dispositions will be taken in regard to the two remonstrances and the Judge hopes to hand down his decision in all cases by the first of the year.

A Chapter of Prosperity.
The Yeagertown correspondent to the Bellville Times writes thus:
"A committee of three men from each of our Sunday Schools has been appointed to look after the needy of this vicinity. These committees will act in conjunction and all contributions of money, food or clothing placed in the hands of this committee will be given where it is most needed."
These needy are living at the doors of a highly protected industry, but they are without employment. There is at present a Republican president in the White House, a Republican House and a Republican Senate, and a Republican president-elect. The lesson is obvious.

The State Assembly.
The Pennsylvania Legislature will have a Republican majority of 177 on joint ballot. The Senate will be made up of 39 Republicans and 11 Democrats. This is a gain of one for the Democrats. In the House there will be 176 Republicans and 31 Democrats. In the last House there were 156 Republicans, 50 Democrats and one Independent.

Congregation Remembers Pastor.
The Sprucetown congregation of the Methodist church presented their pastor, Rev. J. Max Lantz, with a purse of ten dollars, and the organist, Mrs. Michael Smith, and the organist of the Sunday school, Miss Bessie Breon, each with a hymnal. The hymnals have the names of the recipients on them. It was a real surprise to the pastor and the ladies, and they returned the most hearty thanks.

LOCALS.
Come and see our Christmas goods, C. P. Long's.
Miss Flora Love, a compositor on the Democratic Watchman, is spending the holidays with friends in and about Centre Hall.
Sheriff-elect Hurley sold his interest in the livery business heretofore conducted by the Hurley Brothers, in Phillipsburg, to his brother George, who will continue the same.
Several tons of turkeys were shipped from the Centre Hall station this week to make Christmas dinners for families in all parts of the state. The poultry business is becoming an extensive one.
"What is to be done about alien immigration?" We are always asking ourselves this. There is an answer, and a practical one, and John L. Mathews has outlined it in the story of "Tontitown," in the January number of Everybody's Magazine.
Rudolph K. McDonald, treasurer of the Reedsville K. G. E. lodge, the mention of whose embezzlement of \$3200 appears elsewhere in this issue, pleaded guilty before Judge Woods and was sentenced to two years in the Western Penitentiary.
Wilbur F. Burkholder, who for the past three or four years had been telegraph operator at the P. R. R. station in Bellefonte, has received a well deserved promotion. After the first of the year he will be transferred to Tyrone where he will be telegraph operator in the superintendent's office.
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Detwiler, of near Penna Cave, are off on a holiday vacation, having left their home Friday. Their first stop was at Harrisburg, where a son, W. E. Detwiler, is located, and from there they will go to Philadelphia, where they will be entertained by C. S. Detwiler, another son.
After the holidays Prof. Irwin W. Ziegler, who for the past year has been located at Landsford, will be at Lambertville, New Jersey. Mr. Ziegler is now engaged with the Dodd, Meade & Co., publishers of the International Encyclopedia, and on account of this is obliged to do more or less moving from one place to another. At present he is with his mother, Mrs. Lydia Ziegler, near Centre Hall, where he will remain for the holiday season.
W. A. Snyder, of Salona, at present registrar and recorder of Clinton county, will move his family to Lock Haven after April first. He has yet one year to serve as a county official, and after the first of the year will also be one of the clerical force in the Lock Haven Trust and Safe Deposit Company bank. Mr. Snyder is well known in this county, and for several years as a school book agent he came in touch with the school directors. His acquaintances will wish him all the good fortune that it is possible for him to bear.

Harris Township.
Will Cramer, of Rock View, is spending the week in this place.
Elmer Houtz and family, of Rock Hill, spent Sunday in Boalsburg.
S. E. Weber and sister, Miss Anna, spent Tuesday at the county seat.
Mrs. John Kline, of Bellefonte, spent several days in Boalsburg.
Mrs. Mary Brouse, of Pine Grove Mills, is visiting in Boalsburg.
Mr. and Mrs. James Wert, of Tusseyville, were in Boalsburg Saturday.
Alvin Myers, with his little son Harold, were recent visitors from Altoona.
John and Harry Steele, of Bellefonte, attended to business in Boalsburg, Monday.
S. E. Kimport and daughters Ruth and Mary, of State College, were guests at the home of J. F. Kimport, Sunday.
Mrs. H. A. Harro, with her children, visited in Bellefonte the early part of this week.
Misses Mary Reish and Nora Miller spent an afternoon at the Andrew Lytle home, near State College.
Miss Mary Markle expects to spend Christmas and New Year with her brother, at Blue Bell.
James Reed attended the funeral of his brother William, at Bellefonte, on Monday. He died suddenly Saturday from heart disease.
During the service in the Reformed church Sunday evening two new horse blankets were taken from the sled of J. M. Ross, of Linden Hall.
John Durner bought a property on Church street, from G. W. Garberic, for \$650, and is already making some improvements.
Miss Emeline Hess, of near Shingletown, spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Shugert, in Boalsburg.
Mrs. William Steele returned to her home in Bellefonte after spending some time at the Dinges home, where she assisted in caring for Mr. Dinges.
Prof. C. T. Houtz, of Susquehanna University, Sellersgrove, was a visitor at the home of Adam Felty, Sunday. He filled the pulpits of the Lutheran churches at Pine Grove Mills and Pine Hall.
Miss Annie Lohr attended the funeral of her uncle, David Lohr, Saturday. The services were held in the Presbyterian church, and interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church (the Myers cemetery).
S. H. Bailey spent Sunday with his brother, Commissioner John G. Bailey, who is ill at his home at Pine Grove Mills. Mr. Bailey was stricken with paralysis last Thursday, while at Lock Haven. Friday he was brought to Bellefonte, and from there taken to his home on Saturday.
One of the joyful events of the Christmas season was a little party given by Mrs. H. A. Harro Saturday afternoon, in honor of the birthdays of her little daughters, Ceil and Henrietta. Ice cream and cake were served. The Misses who were present were as follows: Mary and Rachel Segner, Katharine and Caroline Stamm, Grace and Dorothy Wieland, Tammie and Eloise Lee, Mariou Whitehill, Helen Cokey, Mary Kidder, Mildred Giengerich, Beryl Brouse, Emeline Harrison and Elizabeth Lucas.
F. W. Weber shipped a bureau to Miss Ella Rhone, at Los Angeles, California, and a sewing stand to David Stuart, Duquesne Station, Pittsburgh, as Christmas gifts. Both articles of furniture are fine specimens of his handiwork. The bureau had been the property of Mrs. Rebecca Sparr, deceased, and had been in her possession since her girlhood days. At the sale of her household goods it was purchased by Mrs. Sophia Hall, an aunt of Miss Rhone, who had it repaired and ordered it sent to her at Christmas time.
Mrs. Eliza Reeder died at the home of her son, Peter Sones, Wednesday morning of last week, and was buried in the cemetery at Boalsburg Saturday forenoon. Rev. J. I. Stonecypher officiated. Her daughter, Mrs. Annie Wagner, of Altoona; Wm. Sones and wife, of Spring Mills, and John Sones and wife, of Ferguson township, were her children who were present at the funeral. Owing to a change made as to the time for the funeral, her son, Daniel, of Altoona, and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Blair, of Scotia, came on Friday and were obliged to return the same day, consequently could not be present at the service.

Colyer.
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Horner and daughter Mary visited at the home of Harry Horner, on the Colyer farm Sunday.
Clyde Stem and wife visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Horner.
Miss Sadie Lee, the seamstress, who had been employed at the homes of William Rocky and Thomas Swartz, last week, went to Boalsburg where she will sew for Mrs. Alfred Lee.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Farner left on Monday for Philadelphia to visit their son Thomas at that place. They will not return until after the holiday season.
The United Evangelical Sunday School of this place elected their officers for the year 1909 on Sunday. The officers are as follows: Superintendent, Henry Gettig; Assistant Superintendent, Arthur Slutterbeck; Secretary, Marion Meiss; Treasurer, J. Kline; Organist, Bertha Miller; Librarians, Orpha Fleisher and Mary Slutterbeck.
Mrs. Mary Long, who is living at the home of Aaron Detwiler, had the misfortune of falling and breaking her leg.
Rev. Caris, of Spring Mills, was unable to fill the pulpit at Zion on Sunday on account of illness.
William Mitterling and wife, of Centre Hall, visited at the home of Henry Moyer on Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Jordan did some shopping in Bellefonte one day last week.
James Swabb, the health inspector, visited the schools through here last week.
The scribe of this place wishes the editor and the readers of the Reporter all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Aaronsburg.
Miss Eliza Summers, of Williamsport, is visiting her parents at present.
Misses Ardenna Harmon, Bessie and Marion Stover returned home after a few months' stay with friends at State College.
Harry Bower, of Altoona, spent a few days here, returning to his work on Monday.
Mrs. Kathryn Smull Meechly, of State College, and Miss Minnie Beaver, of Millheim, spent a day last week with friends in town.
Mrs. Wilmer Stover returned from a pleasant visit among friends at Trevorton, Shamokin and Millinburg.
Miss Martha Wyle returned home after spending a few weeks pleasantly with friends at Lewistown.
Messrs. Walter Orwig and C. W. Wyle, for a few days last week, were guests of friends in Union county.
Miss Bertha Sheeder, a student at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, is here for the Christmas vacation which she will spend with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. R. M. Sheeder.
Thomas Weaver and wife, of Wolf's Chapel, spent the Sabbath with his mother. He will have charge of the music at the Christmas service in the Reformed church Christmas eve.
Prof. P. H. Meyer, of Centre Hall, made a business trip to this town on Friday.
Mrs. Arthur Lee, of Tusseyville, visited her mother, Mrs. Swabb, for a few days. The latter is improving some.
Merrill Eisenhower, teacher of the intermediate school, went to Beaver-town Saturday and returned home Tuesday with his bride. Congratulations are now in order.
Your correspondent wishes a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The Pink Label.
If you would like to have the figures on your label advanced before the next Pink Label appears, send the funds before January 1st, as the label figures will be changed at that time.

Christmas Post Cards.
The assortment of Christmas post cards offered for sale at this office are the prettiest to be had anywhere. Not a cheap card in the bunch. Sent by mail in any quantity at the rate of two for five cents.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE.—By virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Centre County, the undersigned will expose at public sale or outcry, on the premises, one-half mile east of Colyer, Pa., on
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1909, 1 P. M., the following real estate, being the property of Martha S. Farner, late of Potter Township, deceased:
Parcel No. 1. Beginning at a corner of lands of J. & H. Housman and Henry Shadow, at the north side of the public road; thence along land of Henry Shadow, north four and four-tenths perches to a stone; thence along land, late of Hannah Moore, east six perches to a stone; thence along same south four and four-tenths perches to a stone; thence along public road west six perches to stone, and piece of beginning, containing twenty-six and four-tenths perches, next measure.
Parcel No. 2. Beginning near public road, thence along lands of Sarah Shadow, north nineteen and one-half degrees, west eighteen, and seven-tenths perches to stones; thence by lands of Susan Housman, south fifty-three degrees, west eight perches to stone; thence by residue of tract south nineteen and one-half degrees, east twenty perches; thence by public road north sixty-six and one-half degrees, east eight perches to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and fifty-four perches, next measure. There being erected on said premises a two-story frame dwelling house and other outbuildings.
TERMS OF SALE.—To be paid in cash or by note, to be paid on day of sale; one-third thereof, less said 10 per cent., to be paid April 1st, 1909, and the balance to be secured by judgment or bond and mortgage at one year from April 1st, 1909, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum.
WM. C. FARNER,
Admr. of the estate of Martha S. Farner, dec'd.

Red Cross Stamp Purchasers.
Red Cross Christmas stamps were purchased at the Reporter office by those whose names are appended: This all for charity:
Flora Walker, Sarah Neff, Ros Bushman, W. J. Smith, Virna Rowe, Mrs. Lucy Henney, C. Asher Stolt, Mrs. Daniel Gross, Samuel J. Rowe, Cleve Mitterling, Samuel Burris, Mrs. M. A. Reagick, Mrs. Rebecca Flory, Virgie Durt, Edna Murray, Leslie Jacobs, Mrs. George Heckman, Mrs. A. E. Kerlin, Centre Hall. H. A. Wilkinson, Potters Mills.

Arney Property Sold.
The Frank Arney property, consisting of a house, stable and about three-fourths acre of ground, was sold by William Greger to D. A. Boezer. Consideration \$700. Frank Arney is the present tenant, and will remain there during the coming year.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Moore, Wednesday morning.

A CYCLONE OF FLAME THE CARNAGE OF WAR
Fires in Bamboo Forests Are the Fiercest Known.
SWEEP ON A MILE A MINUTE.
Like the Roar, the Roll and the Rattle of a Great Battle is the Noise of the Exploding Stalks That Sometimes Shoot High into the Air.
When the forests are afire, when the smoke makes dusk at noon and reddens the harvest moon a thousand miles away, there is the measure of a conflagration. When the prairies burn, as they used to before farms had crept in upon the endless miles of grass, there was a fire which ran like mad and left behind it a blackened trail of death. If one could combine the speed of the prairie fire with the tumult of the blazing forest, that would be a fire indeed.
Such a combination is effected when the bamboo groves catch fire. The bamboo is but a grass, a grass with the height of a tree, swaying stems reaching 100, even 150, feet in air.
In Cambodia, where the bamboo groves along the rivers cover the space of forests, it is no unusual thing for fires to break out and sweep all before them for many miles. If the summer has been dry the bamboo turns sear and inflammable as any grass.
All that is needed is a spark; then ruin runs red. It is not necessary to rely upon the carelessness of the woodsman to start the blaze. The bamboo can kindle itself.
Let two swaying stalks of dry bamboo be set in motion by the breeze, let one rub across the other long enough, and the friction will set the spark, and the long dry leaves will feed the flame. It is known that many fires of the bamboo forests thus originate. Perhaps it was from observing such a sight that primitive man learned the Promethean secret. That theory has been advanced.
As soon as a flame in the bamboos has crept to the level of the tossing tips it spreads like wildfire. The wind carries a sheet of flame along the grove at tremendous speed. Some observers say that such fires have been seen to move forward at the rate of more than a mile a minute. Seen from below, it looks as if the sky had burst into an instant flash of flame.
From such a burst of fire there could be no escape. Fortunately it passes high overhead at the tops of the bamboos. It serves as a warning to the traveler who may be making his way along some one of the water courses by which the forest is intersected. The bamboo itself is almost an obstacle to travel of any sort. It is well high impossible to force a way through it except by the slow and toilsome labor of hewing out a path.
The fire in the great trunks moves more slowly, and if warning be taken it may be possible to sink one's boat and throw up wet herbage and clay against the bank of the stream to provide shelter until the furnace blast has blown by. Such a fire in the bamboo has not only the speed of the prairie fire on its sweep overhead, but it has the same volume of fuel as is found in any forest fire. It combines the two types.
Bamboo forest fires have another quality which is all their own. They bang and rattle with thunderous crashes, as of artillery fire, without cessation.
The stalks of these tree bamboos are frequently more than a foot in diameter. Near the ground the joints are close together; in the younger growth the nodes may be several feet apart. But, long or short as they may be, each joint of the sun dried bamboo is a tightly sealed chamber filled with air. The partitions between the cavities are singularly tough; the outside rind of the stalks is almost pure flint.
When the blast of the flame sweeps onward the air in the stalks upon which it is driven is suddenly heated to a very high temperature. The residuum of moisture which may be in the stems is immediately transformed into steam and at once subjected to superheating, thus becoming a violent explosive. As the hot breath of the flame becomes hotter these joints burst with loud cannon discharges.
Sometimes the force of the explosion near the roots is so great as to shoot the stalk like a javelin high into the air, where it flashes into torchlike flame and is carried by the wind to spread wider disaster. The bursting of the smaller joints is like the roll and rattle of rifles and machine guns. The effect is that of a battle hotly contested.—Washington Post.

An Aquatic Outfitter.
One day a ship was lying at anchor at Boca Grande when the crew observed a dolphin chasing a flying fish, both coming directly toward the ship. On nearing the vessel the flier arose in the air and passed over the bow just above the forecast. As it did so the dolphin went under the ship and, coming up on the other side, sprang from the water and caught the flying fish on "the fly" just as it was curving gracefully down in its descent to the water.—Punta Gorda Herald.

Missing Opportunities.
"I have no patience with a man who makes the same mistake twice," said Armes, rather severely, in speaking of an unfortunate friend.
"Neither have I," agreed his wife.
"When there are so many other mistakes to make."—Youth's Companion.

He that studieth revenge keepeth his own wounds green.—Bacon.

Story of a Survivor of the Battle of Gravelotte.
INTO THE JAWS OF DEATH.
An Advance Under Fire From Behind Barricades That Literally Mowed Down the Charging Troops—A Hand to Hand Conflict in the Streets.
William Guldner, a survivor of the battle of Gravelotte, the most hard fought victory of the Franco-Prussian war, tells in Harper's Magazine how he saw the victory as color bearer of his regiment.
"It must have been, I think, about 4 o'clock when Colonel von Boehn rode to the head of the regiment, and we all straightened quick, as on parade. And he said sharp a few words, something like, 'Men, the regiment has a good name, and you will give it a still better one.' I was in front and could hear part of what he said.
"The colonel led us to the left, and we crossed a railroad track and went through another little white village, and then we faced a slope—a long slope—with a village on it, which the French had made into a fort, and we, our regiment and others, were to capture it, and there were many Frenchmen and cannon there.
"The colonel rode on a horse, he and the majors and the adjutants. Our captains usually rode, too, but this day the captains sent their horses back and went on foot.
"And soon our first men began to fall, for we came under the fire of the chasseur. It was hard, for we could not see the enemy. These first ones were many sharpshooters in a ditch, and the noise of their firing was like that of a coffee mill—kr-r-r-r-r! They drew off as we went forward. It was only at a walk that we went—a steady walk, just as if there were no bullets there.
"And now we would run forward fifty yards and throw ourselves flat, then another fifty yards and the halt and the falling flat, and each time we could see the village that was a fortress nearer.
"And once when we were lying down and I saw that the officers were standing, just cool and quiet, it came to me that a man has to pay in such ways to be an officer.
"I saw the colonel fall. He was shot from his horse and carried back.
"The first major, he took command, and he galloped to the skirmish line, and he was shot. Then the second major, too, was shot, and he tried to get up, but he could not stand, and he sat on a big stone and shouted: 'Go on! Go on!' And he took a gun from a dead man and fired it.
"We were ordered to fix bayonets, and that made us glad, but even yet the men carried their rifles on their shoulders as they ran. We were not near enough to charge with bayonets.
"I wish I could tell you what it was like as we got near that village of St. Privat—the noise, the smoke, the flashes, the falling men and only one desire in our hearts.
"There were three sergeants in the color section, one at each side of me. And first the one at my right was killed. Then the one at my left was shot—eight big bullets in his body from a mitrailleuse—eight! Yet he afterward got well, while many a man died from only one little bullet.
"And at last we went at a bayonet charge, and for the first time there was a cheer, a wild and savage cheer, and we ran on, eager to plunge the bayonets, and we could see as we came near the village that the French were firing from behind barricades and garden walls and from windows.
"And we looked into the wild faces of the French, and they met us hand to hand. Ah, we climbed over walls and barricades, and we fired and bayoneted, and we fought them in the streets!
"On and on we went. It was a wild time of shooting, bayoneting, wrestling, clubbing, shouting. On and on, but it was slow work and terrible, for the French fought for every step.
"I was at the front, for I had the colors. There were a few officers still left, and they were shouting and waving their swords, and other regiments stormed into the village with us, and after a while—I can't say how long—the place was ours.
"As I tell it to you it seems perhaps a simple thing. But when the regiment was paraded before the battle began we were more than 2,000 men and more than fifty officers, and we lost in the fight forty officers and more than a thousand men. Yes, that was the loss of just my regiment alone. It was murderous, but it was necessary.
"Well, it was over. The village was blazing, and many a dead man lay in the ruins. Some sat upright, dead, with their backs against walls."
India's Fame.
They were holding an "exam" in an east London school, and the teacher was explaining the chief products of the Indian empire. One child recited a list of comestibles. "Please, miss, India produces curries and pepper and citron and chillies and chutney and— and—" "Yes, yes, and what comes after that?" "Please, miss, I don't remember." "Yes, but think. What is India so famous for?" "Please, miss, the India-gestation."
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